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Bosnia Serbs Accept Pact That Denies * Nationhood

But Assembly Insists On Self-Determination, Complicating Accord

By Blaine Harden

Vashington Past Service BELGRADE — Io a concession to world outrage over their conduct in the Bosnian war, Bosniao Serbs oo Wednesday approved a peace formula that denies them the right to their own sovereign state.

The decision, made by the self-styled Bosnian Serbian parliament after two days of debate in the Bosnian mountain resort of Pale, also commits them to negotiate the return of some of the land they have conquered during the past

After the vote, the assembly issued a statement that reserved for Bosnian Serbs "the right of self-determination." The condition suggested that they are oot giving up the hope that one day they will unite their territory into a "Great-

The vote seems certain to deflate what had been growing pressure in Western Europe and the United States for military intervention to protect Bosnia's Muslims from a pattern of murder, mass rape and indiscriminate shelling perpetrated by Bosnian Serbian fighters.

loternational oegotiators in Geneva had warned that unless the peace plan was approved by the Bosnian Serbs, they would be singled out for iotransigence and the United Nations Security Council would be asked to intervene in the war.

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The Bosnian Serbian leader, Radovan Karadzic, in urging the assembly to vote for the plan, argued that Serbs could not afford to ignore world opinico.

"If we accept the peace plan," he said, "we can hope that the West will do away with its discriminatory attitudes toward the Serbs and

While the vote ensures that UN-brokered peace talks on the Bosnian war will cootinue this week in Geneva, it does not guarantee a quick end to what has been the bloodiest and most destructive war in Europe since World

This maneuver does not mean peace is at hand," said a senior Western diplomat here, "It means that talks will continue. The Sechs made clear they will not be flexible about territory, and they are sticking to their concept of a confederal Bosnian State."

Weeks or months of negotiations remain on a puted man for Bosnia. It divides the former Yugoslav republic into 10 autonomous provinces under a weak central government.

The Bosnian Serbs insist that they will not put their beavy weapons — the guns that have pounded the Bosman capital of Sarajevo since April - under the control of UN peacemakers until the map is drawn to their satisfaction. The vote, by 55 to 15, confirms a major shift in tactics by President Slobodan Milosevic of

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Allied Attacks May Strengthen Saddam's Hold

By Caryle Murphy Washington Part Service
WASHINGTON - Far from weakening Saddam Hussein, the U.S. attacks against Iraq in the final week of the Bush administration appear to have left the Iraqi leader in a strengthened position both internationally and at home, according to U.S. and Arab analysts. The air strikes by U.S., French and British warplanes, which began Jan. 13, have severely

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damaged Iraq's rebuilt air defenses, according to U.S. officials. And Mr. Saddam agreed Tues-day to all the points that had been at issue between his government and the United Na-

But despite the apparent gains, the U.S. military action has also brought to the surface weaknesses that have plagued the anti-Iraq international coalition for months.

The strikes, which have killed more than 20 civilians, also moved the Bush administration's post-Gulf War policy toward Iraq to the forefront of debate just when the transition to a new administration in Washingtoo had guaranteed the likelihood of a major policy review.

Io particular, Mr. Saddam's air and missile challenges to U.S. planes monitoring the noflight zones in northern and southern Iraq actions that partly precipitated the recent U.S. bombings — have highlighted the lack of UN authorization for those exclusion zones, established since the end of the war to protect anti-Saddam Shotes in the south and Kurds in the north. Iraq maintains that the zones are illegal and unprecedented incursions into its sover-

Finally, the limited nature of the U.S. military action against Iraq, which has purposefully avoided civilian or mainly political targets, appears to have raised Mr. Saddam's profile at home and in the Middle East as a man who can successfully dely Washington and live to boast

"The bottom line is that this bombing has been a gift for Saddam," said Ghassan Salameh, a professor at the Sorbonne in Paris who is a Middle East expert. Basically it has shown that the coalition does out exist anymore, he

George Bush's national security adviser, Brent Scowcroft, replied when asked whether he thought the air strikes might have inadver-

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Clinton Takes Office, Calling for Renewal

'There is nothing wrong with America that cannot be cured by what is right with America.'

By Paul F. Horvitz

WASHINGTON - The United States briskly transferred presidential power oo Wednesday under a bright midday sky as William Jefferson Clinton recited the oath of office on the Capitol steps and called in his inaugural speech for bold political change

The former Democratic governor of Arkansas, at the age of 46, became the oation's 42d president and the third-youngest man to enter the White House.

Albert Gore Jr. of Tennessee, 44, preceded Mr. Clinton as Mr. Gore was sworn in as the 45th vice president by Suppose Court Insting Bayon P. White

Supreme Court Justice Byron R. White. Standing beside his wife, Hillary Rodham Clinton, and his 12-year-old daughter, Chelsea, Mr. Clinton placed his

hand oo an open Bible owned by his grandmother and took the 42-word oath from Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist. Speaking slowly, he swore to "preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States. So help me God." In a 14-minute inaugural address, the new president touched broadly on the themes he had enunciated during a grueling, yearlong campaign to bar President George Bush,

Republican, from a second term in the White House. After paying tribute to Mr. Bush, Mr. Clinton summoned the nation to embrace what Franklin D. Roosevelt had called "bold, persistent experimentation" in government.

would be needed from time to time to preserve the nation's to national service.

"Profound and powerful forces are shaking and remaking our world, and the urgent question of our time is whether we can make change our friend and not our enemy," Mr. Clinton said.

The oation had "drifted," he said, but he added: "There is nothing wrong with America that cannot be cured by what is right with America.

He called for more investment "in our own people" and efforts to "cut our massive debt." key themes of the election Touching on international problems, Mr. Clinton said: When our vital interests are challenged, or the will and

conscience of the international community is defied, we will

act — with peaceful diplomacy whenever possible, with

force when oecessary." He said that the world, since the collapse of communism, was threatened "by ancient hatreds and oew plagues." "Clearly, America must continue to lead the world we did

so much to make," Mr. Clinton asserted. A Baptist, Mr. Clinton also quoted Scripture, saying: "Let us oot be weary in well-doing, for io due season, we shall

The 55-minute ceremony began and ended with prayers om the Reverend Billy Graham, the Protestant evangelist. In Arkansas collegiate choir sang. The U.S. Marine Band and Marilyn Horne of the Metropolitan Opera performed. It Mr. Clinton's request, the writer Maya Angelou read a trick of the Metropolitan Opera performed. The Clinton's request, the writer Maya Angelou read a trick of the Metropolitan Opera performed. from the Reverend Billy Graham, the Protestant evangelist. An Arkansas collegiate choir sang. The U.S. Marine Band and Marilyn Horne of the Metropolitan Opera performed. At Mr. Clinton's request, the writer Maya Angelou read a poem she had composed for the day. Twenty-one cannons roared a closing salute.

The new president was toasted at a lunch offered by Congress, and, in turn, Mr. Gore offered a simple toast "to our democracy."

Mr. Clinton followed with an appeal to bipartisanship and a toast "to a new partnership in America's government."
"Ooce in a generation we are really called upon to redefine the public interest and the common ground," he

told the legislators. In his first official act, Mr. Clinton signed new ethics rules for senior government officials, reportedly using the signa-rure "William J. Clinton," instead of "Bill Clinton," as was his custom in Arkansas.

The inauguration culminated four days of high-profile festivities that transformed Washington into a city teeming with tuxedos, limousines, souvenir hawkers and hopeful Americans who came to witness both a political and generational change in the United States.

Some had a chance to see the new president jogging in a sweat suit in the morning, and others cheered and stretched

the Potomac River, paid homage to John F. Kennedy at his grave site, heard a rock-and-roll tribute from Chuck Berry.

and told schoolchildren about the White House bathrooms. On Wednesday, tens of thousands gathered on the Mall that stretches from the high-domed Capitol past the Washington Monument obelisk to the Lincoln Memorial. They waved flags and watched the swearing-in. Throngs packed Pennsylvania Avenue for the parade that followed. Along the parade route, Mr. Clinton and his wife left their limousine and walked hand-in-band, waving to the cheering

throngs, toward his reviewing stand. The parade held something for nearly everyone. There were military units of every stripe, scores of high school and college bands, Native American chiefs on borseback, Olympics medalists, returned Peace Corps volunteers, the American Donkey and Mule Society, Eskimo dancers, police motorcycle drill teams and an Elvis Presley float.

Mr. Clioton, a Southern moderate from one of the poores states, woo a decisive state-by-state victory in the Nov. 3 election but managed just 43 percent of the popular vote in a

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1... do solemnly swear that I will faithfully execute the Office of President of the United States, and will to the best of any ability, preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States, so help me God.

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Audrey Hepburn Is Dead at 63

UNITED NATIONS, New York (Combined Dispatches) - Audrey Hepburn, 63, the actress known for ber charm, elegance and aristocratic bearing in films as varied as "Gigi" and "Wait Until Dark," has died after a long illness, the UN Children's Fund announced Wednesday.

Miss Hepburn, who had undergone colon cancer surgery last year, had been a longtime goodwill ador for the UN agency. She died in Switzerland, a UN spokesman, Joe Sills, said.

She woo an Academy Award for best actress in 1953 for her first American film, "Roman Holiday," the story of a princess who goes out incognito in Rome and falls in love with a journalist. Time

magazine said she had a knack for "exquisitely blending queenly dignity and bubbling mischief."
Miss Hepburn, born in Belgium, went to London on a ballet scholarship, and was discovered as a model by fashion photographers in London and

began studying acting.

After jobs in the chorus and minor roles in British movies, the French author Colette met her and insisted that she play the part of Gigi when her novel of that name was adapted to the stage. The role took Miss Hepburn to Broadway in 1951.

"I never had this huge talent or a great technique," she once said of her acting ability. "But somehow I have had something that contributed." (AP, Reuters)

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Weak sales crimped Britain's hopes for an upturn. Page 11. Cathay Pacific stepped up pressure on strikers.

Lack of Subcabinet Hiring Could Retard New Agenda

By Ann Devroy and Al Kamen

Washington Post Service
WASHINGTON — The Democrats officially took over the federal government Wednesday after 12 years of Republican rule, but at most of the federal offices and agencies, there will be

little sign of them, at least for now. The Clintoo communications director, George Stephanopoulos, responding to criticism that the new administration had been slow in naming officials at the subcabinet level, said the Democratic team would be ready "oo Day

One to take the government over." Exactly how that will occur on Thursday Wednesday was a federal holiday, so few work-

ers were there anyway - is unclear. Virtually all the domestic agencies and departments lack any Clinton appointees below the cabinet level. The Clinton team has gotten approval from the originally reluctant Bush team to hold over about four dozen of their senior officials to ensure some continuity.

Those officials, joined with other lower-level political appointees the Clinton team has decided to keep for a while, ensure that the government will keep going, albeit under Republican

"I think that is a terrible mistake," Pendleton James, head of the Reagan transition in 1981, See STAFF, Page 6

Mid-Winter Throngs Cheer Clinton's 'Springtime in America'

WASHINGTON — Inspired by a preacher hailing the birth of the Bill Clinton era as "springtime in America," the man from Hope, Arkansas, on Wednesday became the 42d U.S. president, and pleased screaming, flag-waving crowds by walking the last stretch from his inauguration to the

Crowds in stands and 20 deep on sidewalks roared approval as the new president, his wife, Hillary, and their daughter, Chelsea, were driven along Pennsylvania Avenue. Spectators jumped up and down as the Clintons strolled and waved from mid-avenue after getting out at the Treasury Building around the corner from the White House.

The weather was winter-perfect - clear blue skies, temperatures in the upper 30s Fahrenheit (about 3 degrees centigrade). "Great day." the president said as he and his family went into the White House.

For the oath-taking Mr. Clinton chose a King James Bible given him by his grandmother, opened to the Epistic of Paul to the Galatians, 6:8. It read: "For he that soweth to his

flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting."

Hours earlier, at the Metropolitan African Methodist Episcopal Church, Mr. Clinton seemed deeply moved when Reverend Gardner Taylor had intoned; "When we enter a springtime, we believe of new beginning. There may be spring rains and storms, but it is springtime in America."

Mr. Clinton used similar words in his inaugural address. "This ceremony is held in the depth of winter. But by words we speak and the faces we show the world, we force the spring. A spring reborn in the world's oldest democracy, that brings forth the vision and courage to reinvent America."

Maureen Dowd and Frank Rich of The New York Times wrote from Washington:

How do you know when an inauguration has crossed that fine line between a populist celebration and the coronation of the Sun King?

When a plaster bust of Mr. Clinton gowned as Julius Caesar is sold in the gift shop of the Grand Hyatt Hotel. beadquarters of the Arkansas delegation?

When leading environmentalists complain that they cannot get into the Environmental Ball to see First Tree Hugger Al Gore because tickets have been scarfed up by such lessthan-green organizations as Waste Management Inc. and

the American Mining Congress? When cab drivers are begging for fares because the streets are clogged with white stretch limos filled with women swimming in mink and men with the killer wardrobes of

corporate raiders? When the fashionable French restaurant Jean-Louis sends deviled eggs stuffed with chopped liver to an alternative

inaugural ball given for the homeless? When the American Diamond Industry Association issues a press release bragging that the new first lady will be wearing a 44-carat yellow gem called "the Uncle Sam diamond" to the inaugural ball?

When even people like Lauren Bacall said they were skipping the main event, the inauguration eve gala, because of the \$1,000 price tag? "Maybe the rich people can do that."

she said, "but I'm not one of them." Those are all valid indicators. But the way you really know

when you're getting into Louis XIV territory is when the ultimate arbiter of glitz and overkill thinks you're laying it

"It's getting to be a little much," said Donald Trump, from his vantage point in New York. Mr. Trump, who was considering attending some of the festivities, decided to stay home. He said he received some reports from friends who told him that Washington was "a madhouse, an absolute

Maybe it was because, as Cervantes once observed and as the Democrats know better than others, there's no sauce in

Even James Carville, the folksy Clinton strategist who rarely gets out of his torn jeans with the underwear peaking through, joined the let-em-eat-cake brigade. He reigned over two extravagant parties in the first three nights of

inauguration week. The tuxedoed bash at Duke Zeibert's restaurant, which

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Bush Had a Plan To Depose Saddam

Failed Effort Was Designed **To Honor Assassination Ban**

By Don Oberdorfer

Washington Post Service
WASHINGTON — The Bush administration adopted a covert action plan to oust President Saddam Hussein from power but was careful nut to violate the longstanding ban on attempting to assassinate a foreign leader, according to Brent Scowcroft, national security

adviser under George Bush.

Mr. Scowcroft, in a valedictory meeting this week with Washington Post editors and reporters, said the removal of Mr. Saddam was never "a major objective" of U.S. policy in Iraq, though be added that "we'd love to see him gone, because he's a particularly vicious character." As Mr. Scowcroft portrayed it, administration policy both before and since Iraq's 1990 invasion of Kuwait was centered more on balancing the respective threats posed by Iran and Iraq than on the animosity between Mr. Bush and Mr. Saddam.

The security adviser said an effort to oust Mr. Saddam came "pretty close" last summer, and was foiled only because the Iraqi leader "has one of the most efficient security systems in the world." He said emphatically, however, that this was not a U.S. effort. An official who asked not to be quoted by name said the

administration provided assurance to Iraqi plotters that they would receive U.S. support if they succeeded. But be said Washington had not provided military, logistical or financial support to the plot. Iraqi emigres said last summer that a coup attempt against Mr. Saddam was mounted late in June but foundered in a clash with loyalist forces. This was followed by reports of an extensive purge

within top ranks of the Iraqi military.

Mr. Scowcroft gave no details of the plot against Mr. Saddam but

did suggest that it involved the Iraqi military.

A U.S. executive order, issued in 1976 by President Gerald R. Ford and still in force, forbids any person employed by or acting for the U.S. government to "engage in, or conspire to engage in, assassination" of a foreign leader, Mr. Scowcroft said the administration has adhered closely to a Justice Department opinion on the order issued in 1989 in connection with the U.S. drive to arrest the

former Panamanian leader Manuel Noriega.

Doing something that could change a foreign government does not breach the anti-assassination order "if you do it the right way,"

According to Mr. Scowcroft, U.S. strategy in the Gulf since early in the Reagan administration has been "to maintain a balance" between Iran and Iraq, neighboring powers that fought one another during most of the 1980s.

When it appeared early in the 1980s that Iran might win, there was "a sharp tilt" by the United States toward Iraq, Mr. Scowcroft said. After Iraq invaded Kuwait and thus threatened to become the dominant power, U.S. and allied military action sought to restore the

balance by opposing fraq, he added.

Mr. Scoweroft was notably cool in his comments about fran as well as Iraq, saying that the government in Tehran was "potentially the bigger problem" and that its recent actions had been "more negative" than expected,

Regarding another foreign policy hot spot, Mr. Scowcroft said the U.S. military had begun its withdrawal from Somalia and that, according to present plans, most U.S. forces should be out in "about

Mr. Scowcroft defended the administration's refusal to send U.S. troops into Bosnia-Herzegovina, comparing the difficulties of launching a military operation there to those faced by U.S. forces in Vietnam. He cited a NATO estimate that it would take 100,000 ground troops merely to open and maintain the roads from the Adriatic port of Split to the besieged Bosnian capital of Sarajevo.

Bosnia is cootained in a geopolitical sense, Mr. Scowcroft said, but if the fighting spreads to the Serbian province of Kosovo or independent Macedonia, the conflict would become "a big international crisis" requiring the involvement of major powers. Even in this event, he said, it is unlikely that the United States would send ground

Allies Hope Bush's Exit Will Sway Iraq

By Joseph Fitchett mational Flerald Tribune

PARIS - Britain and France voiced hopes Wednesday that President George Bush's departure from the White House would provide an opportunity for Iraq to shift to a more cooperative stance, perhaps allowing both sides to reevaluate their policies.

France used the occasion of the change in administrations to publicly criticize the U.S. cruise missile strike on Sunday night against a factory in the Baghdad suburbs.

Foreign Minister Roland Dumas said

Wednesday that the raid "exceeded the Security Council resolutions," and that France disapproved of the U.S. action as disproportionately

But France, whose warplanes took part in U.S. air raids against Iraq last week, remains committed to the Western policy of military enforcement against any violations of the noflight zones in southern and northern Iraq, officials in Paris said.

U.S. and European officials minimized the French criticism, which they interpreted as a gesture intended to appease radical Arabs and timed to pass largely unnoticed amid West-ern preoccupation with Inauguration Day in the United States.

The Clinton administration "is not going to

start off giving Paris a hard time for critici something that George Bush did," a U.S. offi-

Swiftly dismissing Mr. Dumas's comments.

remained aligned in denying any concessions to Saddam Hussein and still insisted — in unison with Washington — that Iraq must comply fully with United Nations resolutions.

At the same time, European leaders publicly acknowledged the possibility that the change in U.S. administrations could help ease tensions

A new phase in relations with Iraq was possi-ble, Mr. Dumas was quoted as telling the French cabinet, but on two conditions: that "Saddam Hussein agrees to carry out the Security Council resolutions without hedging and does not take advantage of this lull to resume provocations of the kind that drew an allied

Mr. Dumas's remarks, officials said privately, were designed to keep up the diplomatic pressure on Bagbdad and deny any propaganda advantage to Mr. Saddam over his offer of a truce to the administration of President Bill The only change in the crisis, several officials

said, was the arrival of a new team in Washington, and so European leaders' priority was early top-level consultations to gave them a sense of American policy in the Gulf after Mr. Bush's

Many European officials have detected signs that the Clinton administration will subordi-

Airmen signaling as a U.S. fighter bomber prepared to take off from the flight deck of the aircraft carrier Kitty Hawk in the Guif.

Baghdad Appears to Honor Its Cease-Fire Pledge

and allied aircraft enforcing no-flight zones in its oorthern and

There were no reports of military

southern skies.

President Saddam Hussein's rul- action after the cease-fire took ef-

ing Revolution Command Council fect at 8 A.M. on Wednesday.

had announced that to mark Mr. A spokesman for Mr. Clinton's inauguration on Wednesday Iraq would stop attacking U.S. A spokesman for Mr. Clinton compliance with Unit clinton's inauguration on Wednesday Iraq would stop attacking U.S. open talks on the oo-flight zones, "What we need to determine the compliance with Unit clinton's inauguration on Wednesday Iraq would stop attacking U.S. open talks on the oo-flight zones,"

which were imposed by Washing-ton and its Gulf War allies to pro-tect rebel Kurds and dissident Shi-

George Stephanopoulos said that Washingtoo expected full

A spokesman for Mr. Clinton compliance with United Nations'

What we need to do now is see

Iraq change its behavior," he said. Iraq insists it is complying fully

with UN demands.

In Bahrain, a UN official said
Wednesday that UN weapons experts would go to Baghdad on

Thursday to resume inspections of Iraq's arsenal after the Iraqi gov-erament lifted a ban on UN flights

into the country.

Douglas Englund, the UN field

coordinator based in Manama,

Bahrain, said the new mission

The UN personnel have been

blocked in Bahrain since Baghdad

announced the flight ban at the

Iraq first insisted that the inspectors fly to Baghdad on Iraqi aircraft, but announced last Wednesday that it was lifting the ban after

However, the situation remained

deadlocked as Iraq refused to guar-antee the safety of the missions. It finally gave the necessary guarantees late Tuesday along with

the declaration of a unilateral

cease-fire in its conflict with the

In Washington, hours before the

inauguration ceremony, Mr. Clin-

ton got an early morning briefing from Brent Scowcroft, President George Bush's national security

In iraq, U.S. planes flew "routine patrols" over the northern and

had skirmished for the past week with Iraqi jets and ground-based anti-aircraft installations, a senior

"There were no Iraqi provoca-tions," said the official, who spoke

"It would appear Saddam Hus-

sein is keeping his word," the offi-cial said, "but the big test will be whether the UN flights go in on terms acceptable to the United Na-

The last time a new president took office during hostilities was in 1969 when Richard Nixon became

president. The new commander in

chief can rely on an unchanged Joint Chiefs of Staff, headed by General Colin L. Powell, and an

incoming defense secretary. Les Aspin, who as chairman of the

House Armed Services Committee

has maintained close relations with

main in office until Mr. Aspin is

the military establishment. Mr. Bush on Tuesday tried to ensure the smooth turnover of power by issuing an order that Defense Secretary Dick Chency re-

formally swom in.

Pentagon official said

on condition of anonymity.

notably in chemical weapons.

ocginning of January.

a first allied air raid.

Prime Minister John Major of Britain said that the U.S. raid was "wholly justified." about Iran's rising power and Islamic fundamentalism's spread and to fear that Western tactics toward Mr. Saddam could feel this double. tactics toward Mr. Saddam could fuel this double threat of radicalism and fanaticism in the Middle East.

Despite his pledges of continuity in U.S. policy, the possibility of an altered strategy on trac gained credence in Europe from Mr. Clinton's comment in an interview with The New York Times that be was "not obsessed with

Although his spokesmen sought to focus attention on another part of the interview, in which Mr. Clinton said that he had misspoken m discussing the possibility of normal relations with Baghdad, the Clinton quote seemed to cho a view voiced by European critics of U.S. policy, who contended that Mr. Bush's actions reflected personal animosity toward Saddam.

That view surfaced Wednesday in a press account of contacts between Washington and

Paris ahead of the cruise-missile attack. The report, in Le Canard Enchaîne, said that President François Mitterrand had blocked a U.S. plan for a massive air raid against a dozen Iraqi targets, including oil refineries and other civilian industrial sites.

According to the weekly, which in the past has often accurately reported secret French policy toward Iraq, the French government's objections forced the Bush administration to scale down the attack to a single industrial site and to use cruise missiles instead of bombers.

WORLD BRIEFS

UN Envoy Warns Israel on Deportees

JERUSALEM (Reuters) — A United Nations envoy warned Israel on Wednesday that the UN Security Council had run out of patience over the refusal of the Israelis to bring home more than 400 Palestinian

The Council feels that this matter has been delayed enough and it cannot wait for any longer," said the envoy, Chinmaya Gharekhan, before a meeting with Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

Neither side commented on the outcome of the talks, which followed an inconclusive meeting between the envoy and the Israeli foreign minister, Shimon Peres, Another meeting between Mr. Rabin and Mr. Gharekhan was scheduled for Thursday. The UN secretary-general, Butros Butros Ghali, has threatened further action if Israel refuses to obey Security Council Resolution 799, which demanded the return of the Palestinians, deported on Dec. 17.

PLO Wants Direct Talks With Israel

TUNIS (AP) - Egypt welcomed on Wednesday Israel's dropping of a law banning contacts with the Palestine Liberation Organization, but PLO officials said the step was meaningless unless Israel agreed to hold

direct peace talks with the group.

The Egyptian Foreign Ministry said in a statement released in Cairo that the step represented "progress by Israel toward realism." But Yasser Abed-Rabbo, a member of the PLO executive committee, said the Israeli move "will be meaningless without direct negotiations between the PLO and the government of Israel on achieving a just peace."

Israel's change of position on contacts was approved Tuesday when the parliament voted, 39 to 20, to abolish a 1986 amendment to the antiterrorist law. The amendment had barred Israelis from any contact with the PLO, which the law defined as a terrorist group. However, the action

the PLO, which the law defined as a terrorist group. However, the action did not mean that Israel would open negotiations with the PLO. Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin opposes direct talks with the group.

PLO Envoy in France Is Said to Flee

PARIS (Combined Dispatches) - The Palestine Liberation Organization's representative in France, Ibrahim Souss, has left the country because be felt "threatened" by other Palestinians, sources said Wednes-

They said Mr. Souss, who had police protection, left for an undisclosed destination at the end of last week. He had been staying in the Paris

destination at the end of last week. He had been staying in the rans suburb of Colombes since the middle of last year.

The newspaper Le Figaro reported that Mr. Souss, the PLO's long-time unofficial ambassador to France, was being hunted by a Hamas hit squad, traveling on U.S. passports, sent to France to kill him. No motive was cited. Hamas is a hard-line group that rejects peace negotiations with

WHO Executive Wins Re-election

GENEVA (AP) — The Japanese head of the World Health Organiza-tion was re-elected Wednesday to a second five-year term, fending off a challenger backed by West European nations and the United States,

officials said.

Hiroshi Nakajima, the 64-year-old director-general of the health organization, defeated Mohammed Abdelmonnene of Algeria, 18 to 13, in a vote by the WHO executive board.

The vote followed months of campaigning during which critics said Japan was using threats and bribes to keep Mr. Nakajima in office. Japan and Mr. Nakajima denied the allegations. The election is subject to confirmation next May by the World Health Assembly, the annual meeting of the representatives of each of the organization's 182 member. meeting of the representatives of each of the organization's 182 member countries, but that appeared to be a foregone conclusion.

Novelist Admits Contacts With Stasi

BERLIN (AFP) - The novelist Christa Wolf has become the second noted East German writer within a week to acknowledge having had regular contacts with the Stasi, the dreaded former East German secret

In an article in the Berliner Zeitung on Thursday, she said she had had frequent contacts with the Stasi for oearly 30 years, but had no idea she was registered on their files as an informer. The novelist, 63, said she was approached by two Stasi men for the first time in 1959 and was asked about her cootacts with West German writers. "I was intimidated by this meeting, so I indicated my willingness to meet them regularly thereafter," she said, "But they never asked me to sign a form,"

The playwright Heiner Müller, co-director of the Berliner Ensemble theater company, acknowledged last week that he had had regular cootacts with the Stesi. "It was inevitable in my position," he said.

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Michigan Doctor Aids 9th Suicide

DETROIT (AP) - Dr. Jack Kevorkian helped a man commit suicide Wednesday, his attorney's office said. It was the ninth suicide Dr. Kevorkian has assisted and comes two months before a temporary state law banning his work takes effect. The man was a 53-year-old patient, Jack Miller, according to the attorney's spokesman

Dr. Kevorkian, a retired pathologist from Royal Oak, Michigan, has been crusading for the rights of ailing people to commit suicide with a

doctor's help.

Last month, hours after Dr. Kevorkian helped two women end their lives using carbon monoxide, Governor John Engler signed a bill outlawing assisted suicide for 15 months while the issue is studied. The law is to go into effect March 30. Dr. Kevorkian has said he intends to ignore the law because he considers it immoral.

Malaysia's Sultans to Lose Privileges

KUALA LUMPUR (AFP) -- Malaysia's cabinet decided Wednesday to strip the country's sultans and rajas of all privileges not provided for by law, Prime Minister Mahathir bin Mohamad said.

Taking the offensive after months of disputes over the contested privileges of the hereditary rulers, he added that he was also stopping his weekly briefings to the king about the weekly cabinet meeting.

"We shall also withdraw all facilities which we have overextended to

them," Mr. Mahathir said in what analysts viewed as the beginning of a final push against the rulers for rejecting government-proposed constitutional changes to strip them of their legal immunity. "We are now going to limit the rulers only to benefits that are provided for by the law," Mr. Mahathir said Wednesday, shortly before the Senate unanimously passed the constitutional changes approved by the lower house on Tuesday.

TRAVEL UPDATE

Athens lifted a two-day ban on private cars Wednesday in the center of the city, saying that atmospheric pollution levels had dropped. The Athens First Aid Center said that 76 people were hospitalized because of heart and hreathing problems.

The airport at Montego Bay, Jamaica, was shut down and the main Kingston airport operated only during daylight hours for the second consecutive day Wednesday as air controllers called in sick to press demands for wage increases.

The death toil from a cholera epidemic in Zimhabwe has risen to 153 in fewer than eight weeks, and the government said it had exhausted all the funds allocated to combat the disease. Health Minister Timothy Stamps said that the number of cases nationwide had risen from 2,403 on Jan. 12 to 3,003 this week and the death toll from 120 to 153.

SAS will open two new services, Brussels-Lyon and Stuttgart-Thessaloniki, on its European network March 28, the start of its summer timetables. SAS has scheduled a 15-percent expansion of European flights this summer, increasing services to major European cities, adding in its Baltic Hub network through Copenhagen, increasing flights between the Scandinavian capitals, and entering niches opened up by the liberalization of EC aviation rules.

I close relations with tablishment.

America West Airlines is offering teisure discounts of as much as 33 percent for travel through most of its system through May 15. An offerag an order that Despite the peak found-trip flight between Atlanta and Phoenix now priced at \$480 would cost \$288. The peak fare would be \$308. A \$390 round-trip ticket between Dallas-Fort Worth and Los Angeles would cost \$288, or \$328 at peak times. The nourefundable tickets cover travel on most tong- and medium-distance flights. A Saturday-night stay is needed, and the tickets must be purchased by Feb. 17.

(Bloomberg)

nnouncing an easier way to call a foreign country when you're already in one.

BAGHDAD - Iraq offered oo

challenges Wednesday to U.S. war-

planes flying patrols in the oo-flight zones and appeared to keep a

cease-fire pledge in honor of Bill

Clinton's inauguration.



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Kill Yourself, Baghdad Tells Bush

BAGHDAD — Baghdad fired a parting shot Wednesday at President George Bush, advising him to commit suicide to get rid of his obsession with Iraq.

"Iraq's symbol shines and Bush collapses," trumpeted the army newspaper Al Qadisiyah in a with Iraq.

"The head is some and what remains to the commit suicide to get rid of his obsession with Iraq."

with Iraq.
"For Bush, suicide is the best remedy," declared the government newspaper Al Jumhuriyah.
"My advice to Bush's psychiatrists is to lock him in a place adorned with an Iraqi flag from Zakho and Kuwait and give him a shock treatment," the

Iraq's official media treated Mr. Bush's departure from the White House with glee.

The head is gone and what remains is the tail," said Al Jumhuriyah in another article. The weekly Alif Baa carried a front-page picture of Saddam Hussein holding his revolver high and firing in the air.

Referring to Mr. Bush, Al Jumhuriyah said, "God make him hlind, cripple him, axe his hands and strike him dumh."

The official press had nothing to say of Mr. Bush's successor. Bill Clinton.

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After Final Cheers, **Bush Enters World** Of Ex-Presidents

By Bill McAllister and Anne Devroy Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON - Minutes after he had received a standing ovation for "his half century of service to America," George Bush stepped into the world of former presidents

The East Front of the Capitol was virtually deserted when the Bushes left the inaugural ceremony and the city where they have lived for the past 12 years. There was a military honor guard lining his path to a Marine Corps helicopter. a few close aides, and the new president and vice president to say goodbye.

But the hig crowds were gone, a reminder of the sudden, swift transition to private citizen that can make a former president seem lonely and adrift. For Mr. Bush, his final hours as

president were, in the words of Marlin Fitzwater, his press secretary, "pretty emotional. There were a lot of goodbyes." And there was at least one "hel-

lo," as he greeted the Clinton family at the White House.

"Chelsea, welcome to your new house," said Mr. Bush, who wore no overcoat on a chill morning. He reached out and shook Bill Clinton's hand and patted him on the shoulder.

The ending that once seemed to he so painfully slow to Mr. Bush came swiftly as he bade farewell to telephone operators, declared 10 Arizona counties a flood disaster area, and then left the White

"He's fine, a new life, looking forward to a new life," Mr. Fitzwater later told reporters as the former president left Andrews Air Force Base for Houston where he will live in a rented house until his new home is built.

Large William

in the major

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The Bushes traveled back to Texas with what Mr. Fitzwater called two dozen long-time supporters --

Shift in China Policy Expected

WASHINGTON - in a sign of its desire to

press harder for human rights in China, the Clinton administration named Winston Lord, the strongest and best-known critic of the Bush admin-

istration's policy of reconciliation with China, as its assistant secretary of state for East Asia.

Mr. Lord, a longtime aide to Secretary of State

Henry Kissinger and U.S. ambassador to China

under Presidents Ronald Reagan and George

Bush, was for years an advocate of a close strategic

relationship between the United States and China.

demonstrations, Mr. Lord reversed direction. Over

the past three years, he has called repeatedly for

new U.S. policies that avoid high-level contact

with China and that make progress on human

rights a condition for the annual extension of China's trade benefits. He also attacked Mr. Bush

for sending what Mr. Lord called "fawning emis-saries" to China.

The seeming shift in China policy about to come

from the Clinton administration was underscored

when White House sources confirmed that in its

final days to office, the Bush administration had

granted a license for the unprecedented export of a

high-speed supercomputer to China.
In doing so, the Bush administration overrode

objections hy Department of Defense officials that

the \$2 million Cray Research supercomputer,

which is being bought by China's State Meteoro-logical Administration, could be converted for use

The appointment of Mr. Lord could have impor-

tant implications for other Asian nations besides China. For example, at least based on Mr. Lord's

past experience, he is not likely to be sympathetic

to pleas to quicken the pace of normalization of relations between the United States and Vietnam.

mentor, Mr. Kissinger, on China policy, he shares the bitterness that Mr. Kissinger and many of his

associates feel toward Vietnam for having, in their

view, deceived the United States during the Paris

peace talks and repeatedly violated the 1973 peace

Power's Perk: Filling Lincoln Bed

WASHINGTON - To the victor go the spoils.

And also to the victor's friends and relatives and

And also to the victor's intends and relatives and lifelong loyal supporters. That is one subtext of inauguration week: Prying the perks of power from the hands of one person and placing them in

Only one at a time gets the keys to 1600 Pennsyl-

vania Avenue and all the associated prizes: The

embassies for rich friends; the state dinners with

favorite celebrities; that winged Xanadu, Air

Although Mr. Lord has broken with his old

in advanced weapons research.

But after China's 1989 crackdown on democracy

ly group." They went in the huge Boeing 747 that Mr. Bush flew around the world during his presidency. It was called "Flight 28000" - not Air Force One - because

Mr. Bush was no longer president. At Andrews a crowd of more than 2,000, many of them military personnel and their families, gathered to see the Bushes depart. "We love the Bushes and we want to say goodbye to them," said Cheryl Chrisman, an Army wife who came with her two daughters and a corsage of roses she wanted to present

to Mrs. Bush. "I wanted to send the hig guy off," said Kathy Maney, whose husband works in the Air Force

Some came to Andrews with a practical view. "I wanted to see history, I guess," said John Carrigg of Boston.

"We wanted to see something and we did not not to be in long lines," said Carol Kuz. She said she hoped to return "to see Clinton depart in four years." Was that a political statement? She paused and said, "Well, yes."
"I'm a dichard Bush fan," said

Pam Scarhro, who brought the same "God Bless George Bush" sign to the airport that she and her son carried to the Bush inaugural parade four years earlier.

flight," said Margery LeTourneau who described herself as a navy wife. "We support him to the end

Mr. Bush arrived aboard the Marine Corps helicopter which had circled the Capitol and then the White House before flying to Andrews. The former president said nothing to the crowd there, but he did grasp the hands of several White House aides as his two dogs, Millie and Ranger, scampered up a red carpeted stairway and toto the huge jet. "This is beyond the call. by golly," Mr. Bush said, shaking his head at the aides.

Members of the ground crew of Air Force One presented him with

toviting.

Lincoln Bed.



"Our hearts are making the The Clintons visiting the Bushes at the White House before the inauguration on Wednesday.

Sousa march as Mr. Bush bade farewell to an air force general, his brother Prescott Bush and a Bush cousin whose children greeted him with a hand-letter cardboard signs: "G&B. we love you."

"George Bush is a Texan and I figured he needed a Texan to tell him goodbye," said Representative Sam Johnson, a Texas Republican, sporting a dark black Steison.

As the band played, the Bushes climbed aboard the jet turned to ing toward a group of tourists. wave and join a group of friends and political aides that the former president had invited to fly with him to Houston. Among those aboard were some of the presiwhat Mr. Fitzwater called "the ear- a plaque and a navy band played a dent's longtime supporters and

And more. During a moment's pause this week

from weighty issues. President-elect Bill Clinton indulged a few plans for his new mansion and

estate. "I want to gear up the bowling alley." he

The only thing more splendiferous than being

invited to bunk there is being the one who does the

Gerald Rafshoon, who, as an adviser to former

President Jimmy Carter, spent two nights to the

The only person on the planet - that's what the

inaugural ceremony was all about. One man and

only one man possesses the Lincoln Bedroom and

the nuclear launch codes and Camp David and

those personalized photos of the president of the United States without which no corporate suite is

complete. An awesome power to giveth and taketh

Wednesday night by Linda Bloodworth-Thoma-

son and Harry Thomason, the television produc-

They are very close friends of the Clintons, admittedly. Normally the honor of Night One in

the Lincoln Bed goes to family. Marvin Bush, son

of George Bush, roomed there four years ago

Wednesday night. Eight years before that, as memories serve, it was Maureen Reagan, daughter of

Ronald Reagan. Jimmy Carter's mother and moth-

On the last night of his presidency, Mr. Bush

invited the Reverend Billy Graham to occupy the

prime real estate, where Mr. Graham has slept so

many times before. Johnny Carson and Leonard

Bernstein and Prince Rainier have been guests

there, and King George VI of England, and the Lendls (Ivan and Samantha), and Winston Chur-

U.S. Workers Brace for New Boss

ment employee, with 13.4 years of service, has only

a brief memory of what it was like to have a

Democratic boss, either as an immediate political

years, begin to move into positions of power in

most agencies this week, taking over policy and

policy-making jobs held by approximately 2,435 Republican appointees. Many rank-and-file civil

servants will be happy with the change of com-

mand. Others will discover they must prove them-

seives all over again and be diplomatie as their new political masters reinvent the wheel.

Democrats, who have been out of power for 12

supervisor or in the White House.

WASHINGTON - The average U.S. govern-

er-in-law tossed a coin for the honors.

To name only a few.

So it is that the Lincoln Bed was to be occupied

away is being passed at noon.

"No other host in the world can offer that," said

said in an interview with NBC television. Nothing, though, sums up the spoils of the presidency quite like the Lincoln Bedroom, the most fahled and coveted guest room in America. friends, James A. Baker 3d, the the White House telephone operaformer secretary of state: Nicholas tors and other permanent White F. Brady, the Treasury secretary: House staff members. Andrew H. Card Jr., transportation secretary; Richard Bond, Republican National Committee chairman.

legal counsel. Earlier, Mr. Bush received his final national security briefing and then walked around the White House grounds with his wife, wav-

and C. Boyden Gray, his longtime

"A hig booming voice yelled out.
"We love you, Mr. President, You dent, a few words?" did a great job. I think that made Mr. Quayle, who was shaking his day," said Mr. Fitzwater. The hands with White House staffers in

He returned to the Oval Office to pen a note to Clinton, which he left in an envelope, "It's a confidential letter. But I'd like to take this opportunity to wish all the best and Godspeed," Mr. Bush told reporters as he welcomed Mr. Clinton.

At Andrews it was Dan Quayle who had the last word. After the Bushes climbed aboard their jet, reporters shouted: "Mr. Vice Presi-

president visited the Old Executive a nearby area, waved, smiled and Office Building to say farewell to said: "Goodbye."

For Vice President, A Return to the Halls Of Washington Power

lew York Times Service Clinton, the trip from Hope. Arkansas, to the presidency can be next four years. measured in hundreds, if not thousands of miles. But for his vice president, Al Gore, it is more like a where he was born and reared back to those same corridors to govern.

Yet, as he moved triumphantly through inauguration week, there were grumhlings from many of the moderate to conservative Democrats who are fans of his, but are unhappy about some of the Clinton administration appointments, especially in the foreign policy arena.

Perhaps no event symbolized the Washington establishment from crats with the Clinton administration — than a party thrown Tues-day night by the New Republic, a publication that has been a strident fan of the Tennessean over the years and one whose publisher. Martin Pereiz, served as a campaign adviser when Mr. Gore ran for the Democratie presidential nomination in 1988.

The event drew a host of moderate Democrats who tend to be grouped under the label "neoconservatives," many of them affiliated with the Democratic Leadership Council, a right-of-center group once chaired hy Mr. Clinton.

Among those attending were Ben Wattenhurg of the American Enterprise Institute; Penn T. Kimball of Freedom House, who has been mentioned as a possible head of the U.S. Information Service; Will Marshall, director of the Progressive Policy Institute, a Democratic research organization, and William Galston, a University of Maryland professor who recently was deputy assistant to Mr. Clinton for domestic policy.

Though Mr. Gore might be considered part of this group's family. there was plenty of grousing.

A lot of people "were less than happy" with appointments that counts if the vice president's influhave been made so far, said Mr. Wattenhurg. "There was a palpable sense of unhappiness, although it was a very festive and enjoyable party," he said.

The magazine as well as the neoconservatives have expressed disappointment to selections such as those of Warren M. Christopher as secretary of state and Clifton R. Wharton Jr. as deputy secretary of state, asserting that Mr. Christopher has no overarching vision of foreign policy and is too prone to negotiate when force is needed. They also say that Mr. Wharton has too little foreign policy expericause he is black.

how there will be areas to the future

By Steven A. Holmes when it continues. He told the crowd that he had no doubt that he WASHINGTON - For Bill would not always look forward to reading the magazine during the

Mr. Gore's close identification and association with Washington's inner circles is also evident to his homecoming, an odyssey from the personal circumstances. For examhalls of power in Washington ple, while the Clintons have had to move their personal effects from the governor's mansion in Little Rock and find a new school for their daughter, Chelsea, the Gores move is only across the Potomac River from Arlington, Virginia, to the vice president's mansion at the Naval Observatory. And the Gores' three children will remain to the private schools they attended be-

fore the campaign. Still, aides to the Gores say dewhich Mr. Gore springs — and the angst felt hy conservative Demowill be disruptive. "Whether you move 1.000 miles or five miles, a move is a move," said Catherine Moore, an aide to Mrs. Gore.

That move will, in fact, not take place for awhile. Ms. Moore said the navy, which oversees the vice presidential mansion, wants to undertake some renovations on the building and has requested that the Gores not move in for about a month.

While he had been touted during the campaign as a sort of co-president, this week Mr. Gore's public role seemed more of the traditional vice president, a second bagana to Mr. Clinion's role as the leading

At joint appearances, Mr. Gore seemed almost hidden in Mr. Clinton's shadow.

Yet, administration officials, ineluding Mr. Clinton, strove to dispel any hint that the vice president's stature within the incoming administration had been diminished. On Monday night, Mr. Clinton went out of his way to praise Mr. Gore's skills during a dinner held for friends and supporters of the Tennessean. And aides to Mr. Gore rejected the suggested diminution of power. "Notwithstanding some news ac-

ence has been waning, I haven't been able to tell it in the last few weeks," said Roy Neel, Mr. Gore's chief of staff.

First Remarks as President

Following are excerpts from President Bill Chnton's inaugural address Wednesday in Washington: Today, we celebrate the mystery of American renewal.

This ceremony is held in the depth of winter. But, by the words we speak and the faces we show the world, we force the spring.

A spring reborn in the world's oldest democracy.

that brings forth the vision and courage to reinvent

When our founders boldly declared America's independence to the world and our purposes to the Almighty, they knew that America, 10 endure, would have to change.

Not change for change's sake, but change to preserve America's ideals — life, liberty, the pursuit of happiness. Though we march to the music of our time, our mission is timeless. Each generation of Americans must define what

it means to be an American.

On behalf of our nation, I salute my predecessor. President Bush, for his half-century of service to America, and I thank the millions of men and women whose steadfastness and sacrifice triumphed over depression, fascism and communism.

Today, a generation raised in the shadows of the Cold War assumes new responsibilities in a world warmed by the sunshine of freedom but threatened still by ancient hatreds and new plagues.

Raised in unrivaled prosperity, we inherit an economy that is still the world's strongest, but is weakened by husiness failures, stagnant wages, increasing inequality, and deep divisions among our people.

We know we have to face hard truths and take strong steps. But we have not done so, Instead, we have drifted, and that drifting has eroded our resources, fractured our economy, and shaken our

Though our challenges are fearsome, so are our strengths. Americans have ever been a restless. questing, hopeful people. And we must bring to our task today the vision and will of those who

came before us. And so today, we pledge that the era of deadlock and drift is over — a new season of American renewal has begun.

To renew America, we must be bold. We must do what no generation has had to do before. We must invest more in our own people, in their jobs and in our own future, and at the same time cut our massive deht. And we must do so in a world in which we must compete for every oppor-

tunity.

It will not be easy; it will require sacrifice. But it can be done, and done fairly, not choosing sacrifice for its own sake, but for our own sake. We must provide for our nation the way a family provides for its children.

We must do what America does best: Offer more opportunity to all and demand responsibility

It is time to break the bad habit of expecting something for nothing, from our government or from each other. Let us all take more responsibility, not only for ourselves and our families but for our communities and our country. To renew America, we must revitalize our de-

This beautiful capital, like every capital since the dawn of civilization, is often a place of intrigue and

calculation. Powerful people maneuver for position, worry endlessly about who is to and who is out, who is up and who is down, forgetting those people whose toil and sweat sends them here and pays their way.

Americans deserve better. And in this city, there are people who want to do better. And so I say to all of you here: Let us resolve to reform our politics, so that power and privilege no longer shout down the voice of the people. Let us put aside personal advantage so that we can feel the pain and see the promise of America.

To renew America, we must meet challenges ahroad as well as at home. There is no longer clear division today between what is foreign and what is domestic — the world economy, the world environment, the world AIDS crisis, the world arms race - they affect us all.

Today, as an old order passes, the new world is more free but less stable. Communism's collapse has called forth old animosities and new dangers. Clearly America must continue to lead the world

we did so much to make. While America rebuilds at home, we will not shrink from the challenges, nor fail to seize the opportunities, of this new world. Together with

our friends and allies, we will work to shape change, lest it engulf us. When our vital interests are challenged, or the

will and conscience of the international community is defied, we will act - with peaceful diplomacy when possible, with force when necessary. The hrave Americans serving our nation today in the Persian Gulf, in Somalia, and wherever else they stand are testament to our resolve.

But our greatest strength is the power of our ideas, which are still new in many lands. Across the world, we see them embraced - and we rejoice. Our hopes, our hearts, our hands, are with those on every continent who are building democracy and freedom. Their cause is America's cause,

Now, we must do the work the season demands. To that work I now turn, with all the authority of my office. I ask the Congress to join with me. But no president, no Congress, no government, can undertake this mission alone.

My fellow Americans, you, too, must play your part in our renewal.

Today ... we rededicate ourselves to the very idea of America:

 An idea born in revolution and renewed through two centuries of challenge.

• An idea tempered by the knowledge that, but

for fate, we - the fortunate and the unfortunate might have been each other. · An idea ennobled by the faith that our nation

can summon from its myriad diversity the deepest measure of unity. • An idea infused with the conviction that America's long heroic journey must go forever

breway And so, my fellow Americans, as we stand at the

edge of the 21st century, let us hegin with energy and hope, with faith and discipline, and let us work until our work is done. The scripture says, "And let us not be weary in well-doing, for in due season, we shall reap, if we faint not."

From this joyful mountain top of celebration. we hear a call to service in the valley.

We have heard the trumpets. We have changed

the guard. And now — each in our own way, and with God's help — we must answer the call.

'With Hope, Good Morning'

The Assuranced Pres.

Following is the text of the mangural poem, written by Mayn Angelou and delivered at Bill Chnton's swearing-in ceremony Wednesday in Washington: A Rock, A River, A Tree Hosts to species long since departed.

Marked the mastodon. The dinosaur, who left dry tokens Of their sojourn here On our planet floor, Any broad alarm of their hastening doom Is lost in the gloom of dust and ages.

But today, the Rock cries out to us, clearly, forcefully.

Come, you may stand upon my Back and face your distant destiny. But seek no haven in my shadow. I will give you no more hiding place down here.

You created only a little lower than The angels, have crouched too long in The bruising darkness, Have lain too long Face down in ignorance.

Armed for slaughter. The Rock cries out today, you may stand on me. But do not hide your face.

Aeross the wall of the world, A River sings a beautiful song. Come rest here hy my side. Each of you a bordered country,

Your mouths spilling words

Delicate and strangely made proud, Yet thrusting perpetually under siege. Your armed struggles for profit Have left collars of waste upon My shore, currents of debris upon my breast. Yet, today I call you to my riverside. If you will study war no more. Come. Clad in peace and I will sing the songs The Creator gave to me when I and the Tree and the stone were one. Before cynicism was a bloody sear across your Brow and when you yet knew you still Knew nothing. The River sings and sings on.

There is a true yearning to respond to The singing River and the wise Rock. So say the Asian, the Hispanic, the Jew The African and Native American, the Sioux, The Catholic, the Muslim, the French, the Greek The Irish, the Rabbi, the Priest, the Sheikh, The Gay, the Straight, the Preacher. The privileged, the homeless, the Teacher. They hear. They all hear The speaking of the Tree.

Today, the first and last of every Tree Speaks to humankind. Come to me, here beside the River. Plant yourself beside me, here beside the River.

Each of you, descendant of some passed On traveler, has been paid for. You, who gave me my first name, you Pawnee, Apache and Seneca, you Cherokee Nation, who rested with me, then Forced on bloody feet, left me to the employ-

Other seekers — desperate for gain. Starving for gold. You, the Turk, the Swede, the German, the Scot You the Ashanti, the Yoruha, the Kru, bought Sold, stolen, arriving on a nightmare Praying for a dream. Here, root yourselves beside me. I am the Tree planted by the River. Which will not be moved. I, the Rock, I the River, I the Tree I am yours - your Passages have been paid. Lift up your faces, you have a piercing need For this hright morning dawning for you. History, despite its wrenching pain. Cannot be unlived, and if faced With courage, need not be lived again.

Lift up your eyes upon The day breaking for you. Give birth again To the dream.

Women, children, men. Take it into the palms of your hands. Mold it into the shape of your most Private need. Sculpt it into The image of your most public self. Lift up your hearts
Each new hour holds new chances For new beginnings, Do not be wedded forever To fear, yoked eternally To hruushness.

The horizon leans forward. Offering you space to place new steps of change. Here, on the pulse of this fine day You may have the courage To look up and out upon me, the Rock, the River, the Tree, your country. No less to Midas than the mendicant. No less to you now than the mastodon then.

Here on the pulse of this new day You may have the grace to look up and out And into your sister's eyes, into Your hrother's face, your country And say simply Very simply With hope Good morning.

Senate Confirms 3 to Cabinet Posts

The Associated Press

the hands of another.

WASHINGTON - Meeting sition soon after President Bill Clinton was sworn in Wednesday, the Senale quickly confirmed Lloyd Bentsen as Treasury secretary, Les Aspin as defense secretary and Warren M. Christopher as secretary of state.

All three were confirmed by voice votes as the chamber worked to give the new president a running start on putting his government in

place. Mr. Bentsen, a senator from Texas and his party's 1988 vice presidential nominee, Mr. Aspin of Wisconsin, chairman of the House Armed Services Committee; and Mr. Christopher, deputy secretary of state in the Carter administra-

tion, were confirmed without oppo-

In his first official acts as president, Mr. Clinton implemented new ethics rules for his administration and signed a proclamation asking all citizens "to join me to renewing our commitment to the American ideals of fellowship and

Mr. Clinton chose to make the ethics guidelines an early order of business to signal his commitment to government and political

The guidelines prohibit senior administration officials from lobbying the government in their area of work for five years after leaving their posts, and include a lifetime ban on lobbying for foreign inter-

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In the early days of his presidency, as his economic package is retooled and other campaign promises are drafted into legislation, Mr. Clinton plans to use executive orders as a way of maintaining a sense of action.

On Thursday, he is expected to sign an order creating the National Economic Council; as a candidate. Mr. Clinton promised to coordinate economic policy in an organization similar to the National Security Council.

On Friday, Mr. Clinton plans to mark the 20th anniversary of the Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion by signing an order revoking George Bush's measure prohibiting federally funded clinics from offering abortion counseling.

ence and was selected primarily be-At the party, Mr. Gore joked about these current tensions and

Away From Politics

• A man kept alive for a 16 months by an implanted pump that assisted his diseased heart has died of a stroke in Houston. Mike Templeton, 34, was the longest-surviving recipient of the battery-powered HeartMate. The titanium pump is implanted to the abdomen and powered by a battery pack carried over the shoulder. Mr. Templeton, who had suffered from eardiomyopathy, a deterioration of the heart, died while awaiting a heart

lieutenant general and former astronaut, was awarded the Congressional Space Medal of Honor "for exceptional mentorious efforts and contributions to the welfare of the nation and mankind."

 A judge has blocked the Bush administration from transferring federal Mojave Desert land to the state of California for a nuclear

Thomas P. Stafford, a retired air force A signal system and train braking systems appear to have been operating properly when two commuter trains slammed together near Gary, Indiana, on Monday, killing seven people, investigators said. A member of the National Transportation Safety Board that a preliminary investigation indicates nothing was wrong with a signal system that should have alerted the two-car eastbound train to

AP. WP. LAT, NYT

A Cautious Presidency

History is often a kinder and gentler judge of presidents than are their contemporaries. Harry Truman, the once derided haherdasher whom hoth candidates claimed as a model in the past campaign, is one example. Jimmy Carter has become another. So has Dwight Eisenhower, trans-formed from the bumbler of contemporary commentary into a kind of restrained and practical sage in later times. The same good turn could well befall George Bush, who has now concluded nearly a half-century of service to his country beginning as a naval officer and rising through apprenticeships as member of Congress, UN ambassador, Republican Party chairman, ambassador to China and director of central intelligence to

the highest offices in the land.
His presidency may ultimately be judged in terms of pitfalls avoided. Such things are not just negative accomplishments. It is often harder to steer through narrow straits than to make great progress in an open sea. Mr. Bush's term saw the collapse of the Soviet empire in Eastern Europe and ultimately of the Soviet Union itself. It was his job to manage a transition to a different world order whose ontlines are still not clear. The eventual judgment as to his performance will depend on events yet to occur. But be seems so far to have navigated this most difficult of passages without a major mishap and to have left the right predicate for future policy.

He managed most other aspects of foreign affairs with skill as well, as might have been expected of a president with his resume. If he was not always first to adjust to a turn of events - he was slow and had to be prodded to step beyond past politics in calling upon Congress to give scarce aid to the former Soviet republics, for example he mostly got where he had to get in time. It was said of him during his term as

president, and will likely continue to be, that foreign policy was his strong suit; he was most at home not at home. But in the domestic sphere also, in his largely forgotten first two years, he did better than his current reputation allows. Often, it was enough for him then simply that he was not Ronald Reagan, His predecessor made it easier than it might otherwise have been for Mr. Bush early on to seem the moderate on fiscal and social questions and to be by comparison if not in an absolute sense the environmental president and all the rest.

Mr. Bush throughout his career bore that clusive label of moderate, By lineage, training and reputation, both cultivated and to some extent deserved, he was a card-carrying member of the party's largely content-ed, good-government Eastern wing. You always thought that, by virtue of that lineage and the rest, Mr. Bush would be about to assert himself against the party's eonservatives in a way that he often then would not. But in those first two years be did assert himself on certain issues if not all, and prospered at it.

His first Congress saw enactment of a major increase in federal aid to the poor, a compromise federal child care program, a progressive extension of full civil rights

protection to the disabled, a long-overdue strengthening of the Clean Air Act and an election-year budget agreement (including a tax increase), which was the most re-sponsible fiscal action the government had taken in 10 years.

And then he stopped. Perhaps it was the

task of orchestrating the alliance and mili-tary operation in the Gulf that distracted him, perhaps his other responsibilities abroad, perhaps his almost reflexive sense, with another campaign approaching, that he should try again to propitiate his party's right wing. (This despite the fact that he carried a 90 percent popularity rating out of Operation Desert Storm, and that history showed that the right wing would never accept him no matter how abject his protes-tations.) In his second Congress he renounced the good budget agreement, reverted to a tax-cutting posture that it was plain he could not afford, was dismissive of the recession, tried to skip the question of health care reform, retreated on the environment, dug himself into a boie on civil rights and, in the campaign especially, em-braced a set of positions on "family values" that cost him votes and seemed at some level to embarrass him at the same time.

Those were the curiously passive positions and non-positions that gave the Democrats their opening and belped bring on the shift of power that occurs this week. His critics say it was lack of the "vision thing" on Mr. Bush's part — that he had no sense of where he wanted to take the country. Maybe. But the Bush administration cannot be seen in isolation from the Reagan administrations, of which Mr. Bush was a part, that went before. The four years were also the last of 12. Mr. Bush in this matter of timing was again, in some respects, the victim of the right wing, which has used him

as a punching bag.
It was he who inherited not just the Reagan progress in world affairs and in restoring national morale but the Reagan deficits. Those deficits have been variously described as a terrible miscalculation — it turns out that you cannot cut taxes while greatly in-creasing defense spending and still balance the budget - or the shrewdest of plots: By emptying the Treasury, you force even the Democrats to shrink the government.

In a way it doesn't matter. The deficits do reduce the ability to govern, whether that be defined as stimulating a lagging economy or financing health care reform or lending a helping hand to the former Soviet Union. More will than wallet, George Bush said, and whatever the truth as to the will, be was surely right as to the wallet, Ronald Reagan gave the party; Mr. Bush was head of the eleanup crew. That cost him maneuvering

room, as it is now also costing Bill Clinton. Mr. Bush, who never found all that much wrong with the state of the union anyway, produced a cautious and limited presidency. Aides and defenders say that in the confining circumstances he had little choice, and that the cautious policies were wise. Those are the questions around which the future judgments of his presidency will revolve.

- THE WASHINGTON POST.

A Poem of Diversity

Cane in hand, hat set at a rakish angle, Walt Whitman wandered Manhattan in the 1840s enthrailed by the sights and sounds of America being made. Broadway was less than idyllic then: Hogs rooted in the gutters; bands of child prostitutes loitered at intersections. But for Whitman, nothing could dim the miracle of the city. He wrote ecstatically about the "numberless crowded streets" and the "immigrants arriving, fifteen or twenty thousand a week" and "the teeming nation of nations" taking shape as he watched.

New York remains the prime gateway into this "nation of nations." Foreignborn New Yorkers now make up 28.4 percent of the population, the highest proportion in 60 years. Some Americans see this as a burden. Others, sharing Whitman's joy at diversity, see America refreshed yet again. Nowbere is the pageant of new Americans more varied, or more stirring to the soul, than in New York.

By 1860, five years after Whitman puhlished the first edition of "Leaves of Grass," half of New York's foreign-born residents were from Ireland. By the end of

that century the arrivals had become beavily Russian and Italian. In the last 30 years the tide has flowed primarily from the Caribbean, followed by Asia and Latin American. The Irish brogue of Whitman's day has given way to the lilting tongue of Jamaica. The Northern Hemisphere's colors are tinged with the yellows, fuchsias and heliotropes of the tropics.

Imagine the stirring in Whitman should be walk among this latest wave, its faces in so many shades of brown that they make a rainbow. Envision him on the subway to Brooklyn, encountering Haitians speaking French and Creole, and Rastafarians in dreadlocks. See that rakish hat bobbing through Little India in Queens amid thousands of Indians, Pakistanis and Bangladeshis. A century ago Whitman wrote: "The Americans of all nations at any time upon the earth have probably the fullest poetical nature. These United States themselves are essentially the greatest poem." New York is this poem's ultimate stanza. Whitman reminds us that the city's diversity is a miracle all its owo.

-THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Other Comment

Clinton and Asia

There are legitimate concerns about whether the United States will stick to a free-trading regime and maintain the U.S. defense umbrella in Asia. Bill Clinton must quickly allay these fears. Asia is clearly nervous about an American president whom they do not know and who does not really know them either. Will he take up cudgels against China for human-rights violations? Will he carry out his threat to set up the so-called Radio Free Asia to bombard the Chinese with messages of freedom? Will he make it his mission to push for the

universal application of U.S. values? Mr. Clinton should take pride in the fact that Asia has welcomed a strong American presence and continues to do so. If he plays his cards wisely, he will discover that America has many friends in Asia who

- Business Times (Singapore).

Clinton and Latin America

Latin America drags itself into 1993 bowed by the weight of a lost decade and convulsed by the weight of shock therapies. Some of the hemisphere's democracies are threatened by gross social inequities that batter the poor and squeeze a shrinking middle class. The mixed fruits of economic modernization have strained democracies that cannot deliver basic services.

Washington should support genuine representative democracies, those that respect the rule of law and defend political freedoms, while curtailing the abuses of powerful elites. The economic benefits of democracy must be shared. In too many countries, Latin America's democratization still ends at the ballot box. In addition, a Clinton administration can adopt more energetie and more imaginative policies toward Latin America's debt hurden. - Miami Herald

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OPINION

A Winner's Burden: Change the Country

By E. J. Dionne Jr.

WASHINGTON — We Americans endow our presidents with the power of democratic political leaders and the symbolic responsibilities of monarchs. The transfer of the presidency to new hands creates expectations that no mortal politician can hope to meet. New presidents are to lead us into new eras, when the truth is that history

usually just keeps rumbling along. We know at the ontset that Bill Clinton will not end war, abolish unemployment, turn stricken inner cities into utopias or insulate us from the rigors of competition in a shaky world economy. Virtually all Americans know this. Still, most Americans would

also like to believe that a president can change things, that neither he

nor we are simply the victims of large forces beyond our control. He's not and we're not. Mr. Clinton has within his grasp an opportunity rarely given a new president. Because Americans are plainly ready for change, be can radically alter the way we think about solving problems and make us examine problems to which we have not paid much recent attention.

That was the promise inherent in Mr. Clinton's campaign. The transition period frustrated many who watched it because this large vision of what politics is about was overshadowed by a narrower, adminis-

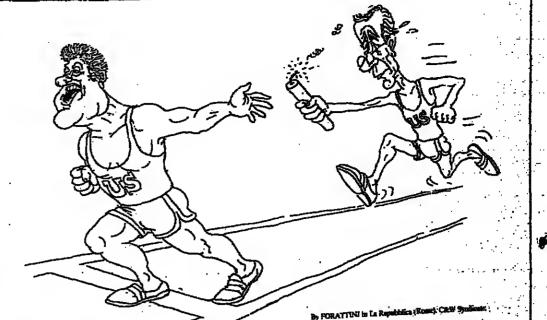
traire view of the presidency.

Mr. Clinion has often been described as a "policy wonk," but this was always an inadequate moniker. He is supremely interested not in dry policy papers but in the way the proposals he ponders fit into a suslainable political project. To the extent that he retreats into mere wonk-dom, he will fall both as a politician and as a would-be visionary.

One can see creeping wonkdom in the eclipse both of Mr. Clinton's idea people and of his political peo-ple. This is not, as some conserva-tives have argued, simply about the seeming loss of influence by the thinkers of the centrist Democratic Leadership Council. It is more general than that: Mr. Clinton seems to think there is a place for thinkers and a place for good administrators
— who turn out to be mostly lawyers. The new ideas types are in

danger of getting marginalized.

Mr. Clinton has set up at least two think tanks inside his administra-tion. Put very roughly, one consists of DLC sympathizers Bruce Reed and William Galston within the White House domestic policy staff: the other is an alliance between Ira



Magaziner, who has his own operation inside the White House, and Robert Reich's Labor Department. Much will be made of a "leftright" struggle between these sources of ideas — and also among sources that will spring up in other cabinet departments. The labels are no good — there is much "liberal" in Mr. Reed, Mr. Galston and their friends. and a lot of unorthodoxy in Mr. Reich, Mr. Magaziner and their al-lies. But beyond that, such a struggle is just what should not happen. As one Clinton adviser put it, "If the idea people kill each other off, corpoWhat made Mr. Clinton "a new democrat" was not that he jettisoned everything liberals ever thought, but that he sought a synthesis of liberal goals, pragmatic means and values to

mich most Americans related. In shorthand, he was Reed and Galston, Reich and Magaziner. Welfare reform is thus designed to lift the poor from dependency while sending a clear message that the govern-ment's goal is not to make it easier to escape the work force. The commit-ment to better joh training and contiming education - the Reich-Magaziner forte — was a way of saying that government can help individuals

through difficult transitions, but can-not replace individual effort.

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LETTER:

Mr. Clinton is often described as being "too much of a politician."
That is exactly wrong. The best thing about him is that he is a politician capable of defining politics as

cian capable of derining pointes as being about big things.

Thus, my hopes for the next four years rest not on Bill Clinton the wonk, Bill Clinton the lawyer, Bill Clinton the compromiser or Bill Clinton the administrator. They rest on Bill Clinton the politician who understands that ideas have consequences and can change the country. The Washington Post.

Iraqis Unliberated: Clinton Should Make Up for Bush's Failure

rate lawyers will run the country.

WASHINGTON — In the first moments of his presidency on Wednesday Bill Clinton voiced gracious but distinctly measured praise for George Bush. By applauding Mr. Bush's half-century of public service and omitting reference to his accomplishments as president of the control of the property of the service and the applicance that dent, Mr. Clinton captured the ambience that

bas surrounded the transfer of power between the two men: correct, but far from cordial. The pre-inaugural raids against Iraq added to hidden concern in the Clinton camp over Mr. Bush's handling of the transition. For some Clinton confidants, the raids were proof that Mr. Busb's outwardly courteous leave-taking masked a willingness behind the scenes to rain on the new president's parade.

That may overstate the case. There are alternative explanations for a string of Bush decisions during the transition that have either complicated the opening phase of the Clinton presidency or let pass opportunities to ease the path for the man Mr. Bush styled as a "bozo"

on the campaign trail.

Committing U.S. troops to Somalia in November without consulting Mr. Clinton signaled the correct but uncordial pattern. That pattern prevailed to the end as the White House last week rebuffed quiet overtures from the Clinton team for a joint statement on Haiti. Such a statement might have eased Mr. Clinton's task in

By Jim Hoagland

stepping back from his campaign pledges on Hairan refugees. "They stiffed the Clinton peo-ple, and it was noticed," says a political source with high-level contacts in both camps.

This atmosphere gave rise to understandable last-minute suspicions that Mr. Bush may not have put Mr. Clinton's interests at the top of his list in waiting so late to launch last weekend's cruise missile strike against Iraq.

The extended final strikes against Iraq were too much too late. In ways that dovish critics never could, the strikes underlined the failure of Mr. Bush's post-Gulf War strategy toward Iraq and the absence of a meaningful approach toward regional conflicts after the Cold War. Saddam Hussein has never ceased to be in violation of significant portions of the United

Nations resolutions that brought an end to Operation Desert Storm two years ago. He could have been hit any time, with justice and probably with more effect.

Mr. Clinton's behavior is more likely to be affected by these late strikes than is Saddam's.

It will be difficult to be any less assertive than Mr. Bush was in defending the no-flight zones in southern and northern Iraq and the right of UN inspectors to enter Iraq. By design or otherwise, Mr. Bush's final days lock Mr. Clin-ton onto a confrontational course with Iraq. There is no great sin in that, nor in the

destruction of a dormant factory that could have contributed to a new effort by Saddam to develop nuclear weapons. Better late than never. But Mr. Clinton inherits a policy that let Saddam remain strong enough to pick the time of confrontations with the United States and the United Nations, to survive those confrontations and then exploit them politically. The uneasiness that Russia and some of America's Arab partners voiced about the pre-inaugural strikes amounts to important gains for Saddam.

Mr. Clinton should move quickly to stem those gains and make clear that he will not tolerate other countries dealing with Saddam.

The evidence that the Pentagon has amassed on the war crimes committed by Saddam and his chief aides in Kuwait and Iraq gives the new president a ready-made vehicle to keep Saddam beyond the internationl pale. Mr. Bush would never give the green light for a serious effort to have the United Nations brand Saddam a war criminal. Mr. Clinton should. He should also authorize Vice President Al Gore to meet oubticly with representatives from the strongest opposition group, the Iraqi Nanonal Congress.
President Clinton should also launch a new,

effective covert destabilization program

This would put people first. Mr. Busb used periodic threats and a belated burst of military raids at the end of his presidency to defend principles rather than people.

The principles of the United Nations resolutions that ended the Gulf War are worth pro-

against Saddam to replace the halfhearted, elumsy one undertaken by the CIA under Mr. Bush, and examine the ideas aired last year by

Bush, and examine the ideas after last year by Defense Secretary-designate Les Aspin to use force if necessary to set up a United Nations base inside Iraq that would get relief supplies to the Kurds and Shiites.

tecting. They should have provided the cornerstone of a new approach to world order. But Mr. Bush and his generals, fearful of detracting in any way from the reputation and glory of their 100-hour triumph in the desert, turned blind eye after blind eye to Saddam's infringe-ments and his new crimes at home, and then let

ethnie cleansing proceed in ex-Yugoslavia.

One last brief season of bombing does not erase George Bush's failures in Iraq. Only Bill Clinton, the man Mr. Bush treated contemptuously during the campaign and correctly but not cordially in the transition, can bury Mr. Bush's mistakes. He can do that by adopting the long-term political strategy that will bury

The Gulf States Need Arms Control

By John C. Gault and John K. Coolev

GENEVA — Bill Chinton and his team inherit a Gulf region that is even more unstable than when George Bush came to office.

Bush advisers from then Secretary of State James Baker on down told Congress and the American people that "regional arms control measures" were a crucial objective, but that goal was quietly shelved. Any hope for its revival faded when Mr. Bush, at the beight of the presidential campaign, announced new sales of military aircraft to Saudi Arabia.

That desperate campaign maneuver was seen by observers as an attempt to coddle the U.S. arms industry. It has turned smoldering Gulf embers into a raging arms buildup. This is burning out of control quite apart from the indecisive showdowns between the U.S.-led coalition and Saddam.

Russia and other ex-Soviet states have been handed a perfect excuse to slow up conversion of their arms industries and to sell surplus weapons to the Gulf. Russia and China recently made major arms sales to Iran. Most Western arms exporters continue to sell weapons to Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and other Gulf Cooperation Council countries. These extra arms are culering an explosive, volatile environment While most attention has been fo-

cused on the slow-motion Mideast peace talks and the UN-supervised and U.S.-backed destruction of Iraq's nonconventional weapons, other destabilizing forces have been at work. Iran has reasserted claims to three islands in the Gulf. Qatar and Saudi Arabia came to blows in September over a border outpost in a dispute exploited by Iran to divide the Gulf Cooperation Council (composed of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar,

tar and Bahrain remains unsettled. The Gulf council itself has failed to incorporate other Arah countries notably Syria and Egypt - in the regional security arrangements that were agreed on after the Gulf War. The council prefers a go-it-alone approach, ignoring the fact that no lasting security arrangements are possible in the Gulf without broader — and

Oman and the United Arab Emirates).

An old territorial dispute between Oa-

especially Iranian - participation Perhaps most importantly. Muslim fundamentalist movements, often with Iranian support, are gaining steadily throughout the Arab world, including Saudi Arabia. These disturbing developments

must be seen against destabilizing trends from the Balkans to the Indian subcontinent. Muslim states, especially Iran, are suspected of arming Bosnian Muslims. Christians in Lebanon have shipped weapons to the Serbs. China and India reportedly are hidding to buy a Ukrainian aircraft carrier. Despite U.S. opposition, Russia is said to have delivered at least the components for India's long-range Agri missile program. A second Bush administration would not have been able to make its ritual annual assurances to Congress that Pakistan had no nuclear devices. (In-

dia tested one back in 1974.) In a presentation to the House Foreign Affairs Committee during the Gulf War, Mr. Baker called on the Gulf council to take the lead in "building a reinforcing network of new and strengthened security ties." The incoming secretary of state, War-



ren Christopher, would do well to renew Mr. Baker's proposal. The Gulf council, in turn, would be well advised to act before either Iran's

mullahs or Saddam make new aggressive moves in the region. It should propose to Iran and others a regional arms control system that would provide for mutual inspections. There is a precedent in the chemical weapons convention that opened for signature in Paris earlier this month. In his book "The Chemical Weap-

ons Convention and Arms Control in the Middle East," Peter Herby argues that the chemical weapons treaty gives Middle East states an opportu-nity to begin confidence-huilding in the field of arms control. By providing for challenge inspections and banning possession — rather than merely use — of chemical weapons, the new convention provides extra assurances to its signers.

Iran has announced its willingness to sign the convention. All Guif coun-cil countries should do the same. Moreover, they should challenge Iran to expand the convention regionally to include additional weapons, both conventional and nonconventional.

The Clinton administration should

support such a Gulf council initiative. It should restrict U.S. arms sales to the whole region, rather than just to selected countries. And Washington ought to try hard to persuade other arms exporters to refrain from sales in the Gulf. It also is imperative that it do what it can to wean U.S. arms makers of their dependency on exports. Accelerated conversion of these industries

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to peaceful purpose will he the key. It might be hard to persuade the American public to defend yet another Guif monarchy from aggression. It also will not be easy to reduce U.S. dependence on imported oil. But, taken together, these factors should drive the Clinton team to an all-out effort in support of arms control in the Gulf.

The concern that allied support might be less enthusiastic next time and that armed fundamentalists could be a more implacable source of insta-bility than Saddam Hussein should spur the Gulf Cooperation Council to learn to live and work with Iran now.

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IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1893: Royals Reconcile PARIS - The reconcilation between

King Milan and Queen Natalie is extraordinary. All the scenes and dramatic incidents have ended in a reconciliation at a botel at Biarritz. It is altempted to induce a belief that the parents have forgotten their mutual complaints out of regard for their son. They have thought no more of him now than they did when they quarreled. They have had enough of exile, one is tired of Paris, and the other of watering places. Were it not that their return to Servia may give rise to renewed troubles, the whole affair would be simply laughable.

1918: Tumult in Spain

ALICANTE - A tumultuous manifestation occurred yesterday [Jan. 19]. The crowd attacked shops and houses and compelled women belonging to the middle classes to join the demonstrators. The Civil Guard tried to disperse the crowd. Shots were

fired from windows and the guard replied. The measures taken to sup-press disorders at Malaga and Barce-lona have caused great agitation.

1943: Painless Childbirth NEW YORK - [From our New

York edition: A new anodyne which makes childbirth so painless that a mother can read a book while her baby arrives bas been developed by two physicians at the Marine Hospital in Stapleton, it was disclosed yes-terday [Jan. 20]. The method has been employed in 589 cases with results almost 100 per cent effective. A flexihle needle is inserted near the base of the spine. At intervals of perhaps thirty or forty minutes metycaine is injected through the needle. It hathes the nerves in the caudal canal and extends its pain-killing influence. It does not, however, enter the membrane covering the spinal column and as a result there is no loss of consciousness, nor any hindering of muscular movements.

Finding Somebody to Mind the Kids

By Anna Quindlen

of the great senousness of this of-fense. But if you are due back at

work in September, if it is July and you have been looking for two

months and found someone great

who is undocumented (a better term

for what we are discussing here.

since "illegal alien" tends to suggest a packing crate and leg shackles).

laws that are rarely enforced may

Some women I talked to thought,

as Ms. Baird did, that openly spon-

not be uppermost in your mind.

NEW YORK — It has been easy for people to be singleminded and sure about the sins of Zoe Baird. The first woman chosen to be America's attorney general was caught with her child care down - her sitter and the sitter's husband, who drove Ms. Baird to and from the office, were illegal aliens. And taxes had not been

withheld from their wages.
If you looked at the law, it was easy to say that this cast doubt on her fitness to be the highest-ranking law enforcement official and to head the Immigration and Naturalization Service, which is under the purview of the Department of Jus-tice. It was less simple if you had

When Ms. Baird appeared before the Senate Judiciary Committee on Tuesday there was an undercurrent of emotion beneath her matter-offact rendering of the incident and her dignified expression of regret. "Quite honestly, I was acting at that time really more as a mother

than as someone who would be sitting here designated to be attorney general," she said. Ah, yes, the chasm between what is expected of the mom and what is demanded of the professional. It is so commonplace that we scarcely agonize pubicly over it anymore.
Zoe Baird's story had a certain resonance for me. The ad. The appli-

cants who are overwhelmingly peo-

ple here on visitor's visas, out to earn

a living wage and a green card. And finally, the person who strikes you as the perfect match for your child.

soring an employee for a green card gave some provisional approval to work and alien status. Others found good sitters who asked to be paid off the books. Still others, myself included, have sometimes hired the person they thought best for the job although she was undocumented, hoping that she would get a green card through lottery or marriage. There have been stories suggest-

> cians who had to come clean on smoking dope, child care transgressions will come out of the closet as the number of professional women in high positions grows. But why do we keep linking child care issues and the working world of women? Are sitters hired only so that women can work? Is it coinci-

> dence that this issue has blown up

in the face of the first woman to be

nominated for this job? And is it

ing that, like the baby hoom politi-

really possible that no male cabinet appointee has faced confirmation with an illegal or untaxed domestic At that moment perhaps you should hear the words of Senator Joseph Biden in your ear, telling you

employee in his past?
Child care issues are considered in convulsive and inconclusive national spasms - kids locked in car trunks, kids left alone - because they have been seen too long as private female troubles. It is ironic that the first woman attorney general-designate has been tripped up hy that thing that trips us up day after day, makes us late for meetings, causes us to call in sick when we are well: the struggle for good surrogate care for our kids. Hard sometimes even if you are well-to-

do. Horrid often if you are not.

If you are really lucky, you can have someone work in your home.
You can call the agencies, interview the people who answer the ads, check the references. On the; one hand, you are looking for someone to take care of the people you love most in the world. On the other, your boss does not care if space aliens look after your kids as long as you are at your desk.

Actually, space aliens would be O.K. if they were warm and nurturing and didn't call in sick a lot. Ms. Baird said on Tuesday that she had done wrong. Strom Thurmond wanted to know if she had repented; she said she had. That may settle this question for her nomina tion. But these dilemmas are not going to go away. As a legal construct, this may be a simple issue. In our daily lives, it is anything but,

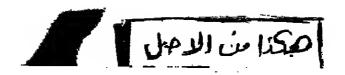
The New York Times.

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Resigned to the 'Little Ways'

WASHINGTON — Demo-crats have had their routs and revels. Republicans have had their ration of gall and wormwood, and now Democrats confront the problem of Republican impotence. It is said that opponents are useful because they allow us to believe that if they were absent we would be able to realize our ideals. Congressional Republicans are too few to foil President Bill Clinton's plans, so he needs excuses for the country's com-

ing disappointments, and his. Actually, the country is more immunized against disappointments than he is. He is of the generation By George F. Will

forth, the political problem would be to allocate equitably the vast revenues government would receive. Nowadays government looks to most Americans like an overbearing and overreaching under-achiever that is suspect regarding both its competence and motives.

The vocational interests of politicians, and the emotional needs of the media (which feel important in proportion to the importance of what they are covering), explain a thought that recurs every four

Clinton promised 'change.' But he was elected because voters had decided that his party had become less ambitious about using government as an instrument of change.

glamorous. He bopes be can rekindle the splendor, such as it was. He won't, not primarily because of any defect on his part, but because of the maturation of Americans.

collapse of the prestige of govern-ment. That prestige peaked around 1965, when a "great" society merely "good" would not suffice was going to be legislated. Government in its bubris be-

lieved that macroeconomic sophis-tication had given it the ability to "manage" the economy. Hence-

that got permanently sun-struck by staring into the glare of the Kenne-dy glamour, or what then seemed perially momentous. But the 1992 election was not, for three reasons.

First, the nation is more secure from foreign threats than it has been in 216 years. Second, because of the deficit, and the electorate's The most important pobtical fact taxapbobia (related to the governof the 32 years since John F. Kennedy came to the presidency is the ment's diminished prestige), and career politicians, the federal government has little latitude for action. In fact, less latitude than at any time since it completely slipped the leash of constitutional restraints (once upon a time there was a doctrine of enumerated pow-

ers) early in this century, Third, the problems most trou-

largely immune to government. For example, the inadequacy of educa-tion in grades K-12 and the urban regression in the midst of societal prosperity, are problems of cultural values, character, behavior and family breakdown. In such problems, ameliorative government seems to have met its match.

Mr. Clinton is the highest ranking of 18 million civilian employees of government, which employs more people than all U.S. manufacturers combined. He is landlord of the federal government's 440,000 buildings, and custodian of the approximately one-third of the na-tion's land that the federal government owns. Stephen Moore, in a report published by the Institute for Policy Innovation, says that since Mr. Kennedy came to power, government's share (federal, state, local) of gross national product bas risen from 26.6 percent to 37 percent, and the public sector is now spending more than \$23,000 per bousehold. Such numbers underscore a paradox that will haunt Mr. inton's presidency.

He was elected promising "change." But he was elected only because voters decided that his party has changed in a direction that makes it less ambitious about using govern-ment as an instrument of change. Everett Carll Ladd of the Univer-

sity of Connecticut and the American Enterprise Institute says that 1992 election data, far from revealing a demand for change, reveal remarkable continuity. The data gathered by a survey organization formed by CBS, NBC, ABC and CNN prove the durability of policy preferences that defined the Repub-



publicans, who were angered by to bask in the warmth of sentigovernment's excesses and wanted more restricted governmental role." Mr. Ladd believes that "in

terms of political philosophy," the "Reagan Realignment" survives: "In the New Deal years, the sense of government's being too big. wasteful and intrusive was largely confined to Republican ranks, To-

lican presidential era. "Americans," day, in contrast, government's size says Mr. Ladd, "gave no sign in the and malperformance are seen as November balloting that they had problems all across the political abandoned their concerns about spectrum. Though they elected a government's scope and role." Democrat to the presidency this Asked if they favored more services year, voters indicated that they conrequiring more taxes, or fewer ser- timue to favor the kind of restraint vices from less expensive govern-ment, voters favored the latter, 55 been the basis of the GOP's ascenpercent to 36 percent. Perot voters dancy in presidential elections of the "were disproportionately libertar-ian-inclined independents and Re-tion is an occasion for Americans ments put into words by Stephen Vincent Benet:

"We made this thing, this dream/ This land unsatisfied by bute ways." But Americans are now unsentimental about government and chilly toward those who think government 'made this thing, this dream."

Washington Post Writers Group.

hospitalized for more than four weeks after she was hit by a little girl riding a bicycle in a New York playground. The unwary girl knocked her over, breaking her hip. It was a ed to do another. bad fracture, the surgeon said.

A week later, another surgeon

said my grandmother, 90, had a perforated ulcer, and it was imme-

MEANWHILE

diately repaired. Then she had in-ternal bleeding and a heart attack. In bospital jargon these are "events." The older the patient, the more likely a bospital stay will trigger a succession of events leading to one final event.

My grandmother's strength was appressive. She was tied to her bed to keep her from pulling out the catheter and intravenous lines that supplied fluids, painkiller and seda-tion. But she pulled out the ventilator tube that helped ber breathe. Fighting the restraints, she developed blisters on her forearms. She

ad a gastro-nasal tube in her nose. The doctors wanted desperately to save ber; that is what doctors are programmed to do. To deal with the bleeding, they performed an

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N EW YORK — My grand-mother, Freda Weinstein, was

Programmed to Keep Her Alive

endoscopy, trailing another tube more and more people. Longer down her throat to her stomach lives are not necessarily better ones. When that didn't work, they want-

stanch the bleeding, or do an angiogram, or both,

The prognosis kept changing. One doctor said, "fCU psychosis." Another said, "How can you let ber

bleed to death?"

The odds were she would wind up where she most dreaded, in a nursing home. At the least, she would need 24-hour care for a long time. She would be "walker-dependent" — if she could walk at all.

These things, I knew, she em-phatically did not want. I bad her health-care proxy. I had drafted it. Although she had no living will, we discussed her wishes many times. But we had not anticipated this.

She wasn't terminal. Once on the ventilator, she would stay there as long as she needed it to breathe. Her body was fighting to live, as if she was programmed to survive. Her mind was fighting, too. When I squeezed her hand, she squeezed ack. Hard.

If she could fully wake, what would she tell me? Would she say, Let me die?

In ber pocketbook I found speeches she had written, to be delivered to her senior center. I had a 'eulogy" she had prepared months before, to be read at ber funeral. It was a letter to ber family and friends telling them not to grieve; She had lived a full life.

catch up to our technology. Medical advances are prolonging life for

When that didn't work, they wantd to do another.

I said, enough.

They wanted to operate to

They say you must have a living will or a health-care proxy. Preferably both. Only then can you be assured that you or your chosen surrogate will be able to make criti-

cal bealth care decisions for you.

They don't tell you what it is like to make those decisions for someone else — to play the odds with someone else's life.

My grandmother's "case" was used by the hospital ethicist on training rounds, Interns, nurses and physicians assistants discussed options. One resident said he couldn't un-

derstand wby I refused the angiogram, why I had signed a "do not resuscitate" order if I was continu-ing to permit blood transfusions. As the doctors kept offering me interventions to save her, I began

looking for a way out. I wanted ber

off that ventilator, sooner rather than later. Once she was off I could refuse to let her back on. How can you let ber bleed to death? How could I not?

f wasn't brave. But she was and I had her proxy. She died on Nov. 19. I wasn't there. I don't know what killed her. Respiratory failure, kidney failure,

neart failure — it didn't matter. No experiments, she had said. None, I promised her. I kept my promise.

Ms. Lederman is a writer and lawyer who specializes in issues fac-ing the elderly. She contributed this

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Supply Side

n's Failu

Seeking economic reform for Russia, President Boris Yeltsin and his policymakers first embraced the view that a mad rush toward capitalism would create a stable economy. After a year of IMF-sponsored reforms, things have turned out otherwise, with no signs of market

economy emerging.
A sadly lacking component of Yegor Gaidar's reforms was the stimulation of the economy's supply side. Likewise, the International Monetary Fund package calls for severe restrictions on demand to curb inflation, but does not address the supply side problems. Far from restoring productivity, it gradually destroys the productive sectors of Russian economy.

There are alternative paths of gradual transition from the command economy to a capitalist mode. One is a two-track model of "mixed economy," successfully applied in China, combining market forces with central coordination. Japan's experience of rebuilding its economy after the war provides another example of a "mixed economy," and of the role a government can play in lifting the economy through difficult times.

It is utterly wrong to identify the opponents of the misguided Gaidar reforms with the "dark forces" of political reaction in Russia. Whatever modifications in the economic reform program are introduced by the new government of Viktor Chernomyrdin, they should receive early and clear support from Western governments.

 MONDRY. London.

The Human Side

As an American businessperson stationed in Moscow for the last five years, I never had any illusion that Russia's drastic economic overhaul would be painless. The most painful part is the knowledge that the suffering is worst among the old, the retirees, the very generation that was forced to endure the indignities and atrocities of Stalinism, the bloodletting during collectivization, the horrors of the German invasion, and now the dashed promises of a better

life through communism.

All their lives this generation has been asked to sacrifice for the future. Now there is no future for them. Time has run out. The meager savings they scraped together as they struggled through life under communism, for retirement or perhaps to pass on to their children, have been cruelly reduced to pocket money by the hyperinflation of

Every time I pass a senior citizen reduced to begging in an underpass
I am overwhelmed with sorrow.
When I see a frail and gray-haired
man foraging through a dumpster or
an old women sorting through rotten fruit behind a market, I grieve. f feel so helpless. Offering domestic work to a few of the struggling does not employ all those in need. You can only give a few bills to those who bumble themselves to ask.

History books talk only of the main events in each era. They don't portray the daily struggle.

PAUL IREMONGER.

Anti-Semitism in Italy

Regarding the report "Anti-Semitism in Italy Rings True to Echoes in Europe" (Nov. 7):

Your reporter has been misled by the confusing way the Italian weekly "L'Espresso" presented the results of an opinion poll on anti-Semitism in Italy. The poll was multistage. A first question was whether Italian Jews had cultural, social and political characteristics, in addition to religious ones, that set them apart from the rest of the population. Forty-two percent of the respondents answered "yes"

and 36 percent "no." Among those who answered "yes." 34 percent felt that Jews

were not true Italians, 56 percent that they have a special relation to money, and 9.4 percent that they lied about the Holocaust. These percentages were read as applying to the whole sample, and therefore as being representative of the whole population, whereas they reflect the opinions of 15, 25 and 4 percent of the total, respectively — alarming enough figures of course, but a far cry from those quoted.

> FRANCESCO SELLA. Apples, Switzerland.

Blame Enough for All

Regarding "In Balkan Separa-tions, a Lesson for 'Lucky Ameri-ca' "(Opinion, Dec. 9):

A. M. Rosenthal should appreciate just how "lucky" the American people are. Unlike the Serbs, they have not experienced Nazi occupation, along with the murderous Us-tashi government installed by the Axis powers, and Communist rule over the past 50 years.

Attributing the blame and all the sickening deeds, which happen in iai civil wars, to one side alon is a travesty of the facts and contributes nothing toward ending the sad spectacle of Bosnia's misery.

VLADA VJESTICA. Oxford, England.

NATO in East Europe

Regarding "Either a NATO Guarantee or Empty Words" (Opinion, Jan. 71:

William Pfaff's suggestion of a NATO guarantee of existing frontiers in the Balkans and Eastern Europe is an excellent one. Indeed, it constitutes the sole path to he followed by allied states sincerely wishing to atone for recent catastrophic blunders and avert the menace of generalized anarchy and bloodsbed.

MICHAEL STYLIANOU.

School Choice for Poor

Your editorial "Chelsea Goes to School" (Jan. 8) misses the point No sane person would suggest that the Clintons, or any other family that could avoid it, send their child to a public school in Washington Despite high per-pupil expendi-tures, the Washington schools, like those in many American cities, have failed beyond redemption. The Clintons' offense lies in their opposition to policy options - the voucher system - that would permit poor minority parents to choose quality private education for their children. Politicians, publishers and editorial writers who veto educational choice for poor children even as they exercise it for their own are guilty of a particular-ly objectionable form of bypocrisy. GALE SERING.

Dublin. Realities of India

Regarding "India in the Plural Save This Ethos From the Dividers" (Opinion, Dec. 12) by Shashi Tharoor:

India's idealistic secularists always in a hopeless minority — have tried their best to paper over the brutal reality that underneath the veneer of phuralism, India has always been a dogmatic and reli-

gion-dominated society. The sack of the Babri mosque by militant Hindus has finally removed this facade. "Secular India" has witnessed, since its birth in 1947, more than 36,000 communal riots - a staggering figure for a country boasting of pluralism and tolerance.

Grieving over the tattered fa-cade of Indian secularism or seeking an intellectual cover for it by calling it an aberration, negates history. I cannot, at this pass, help admire the foresight and sagacity of the founding fathers of Paki-stan, who would not be swayed from their demand for a separate homeland for Muslims.

K. K. GHORI.

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Asian Leaders Question Clinton Tactics on Rights

bring the Clinton team to power, voted to confirm the nominations

of Les Aspin as defense secretary, Warren M. Christopher as secre-

tary of state and Lloyd Bentsen as

Before leaving the White House for the last time, Mr. Bush took a

stroll on the grounds with his dog,

Millie. Mr. Bush's spokesman. Marlin Fitzwater, conceded that

Mr. Bush, 68, had experienced

said that he was also anticipating

his return to private life.

"some sadness about leaving" but

After the inaugural ceremony, as a moving van backed up to the White House, Mr. Bush joined his

adviser, Jonathan Howe, will re-

Clinton team headed by Chief of

Staff Thomas F. McLarty took

over at acon Wednesday. Al the Pentagon, five of the 44 senior

presidential appointees will stay temporarily, including the under-

secretary of the army and three

assistant secretaries. A number of

deputy assistant secretaries have

Pete Williams, the Pentagon spokesman who is leaving right

away, said there was "an enormous

amount of continuity here from a

military perspective" even if the

civilian political leadership is not in

place. The chairman of the Joint

Chiefs of Staff, General Colin L.

Powell, whose term does not expire

months after Mr. Reagan look of-tional Security Council staff, as until October, has been briefing to the equivalent of just under 10 well as the deputy national security Mr. Clinion on military actions, to the equivalent of just under 10 cents, Itar-Tass press agency said.

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The Clinton presidency

been asked to stay as well.

At the White House, the skeleton

main in place for the moment.

treasury secretary.

By Michael Richardson

International Herald Tribune
SINGAPORE —Officials and economists in Asia doubt that the Clinton administration will carry out threats to use economic leverage to force improved buman rights and democracy in China because it would undermine economic growth and jobs in the Unit-

And a decision not to use U.S. economic ure on China would make it more difficult to single out other Asian countries, such as Indonesia, for tough action on human

rights, analysts in the region said.

In the presidential election campaign, Bill Clinton's apparent readiness to insist that aon-Western societies, especially China, accept American human rights and democratic standards caused widespread concern in

China and Indonesia — another likely target for U.S. pressure because of human rights abuses in East Timor — are the two most-populous nations in East Asia. Both countries have economies with enor-

mous potential for growth and are considered important for continued regional stabil-

In a speech in Washington on Monday to

(Continued from page 1)

three-way contest with Mr. Bush and Ross Perot, the Texas hillion-

aire, who ran as an independent.

During the campaign, Mr. Bush

referred to Arkansas as the "lowest

of the low." This spawned a new group in Washington, the LOTL

politan African Methodist Episco- called

At midmorning, Mr. Bush was

(Continued from page 1)

said in an interview. Mr. James

argued - and many neutral ana-

lysts agree — that the subcabinet

level of government is the key to

carrying out presidential wishes and that the longer those jobs re-

on everything, and the more muted

"This is a lost opportunity to get a fast start," said a Brookings Insti-

The main reason for President

Bill Clinton's slowness was his re-

tution scholar, Stephen Hess,

sage of change, becomes.

Society, and this week it is celebrat- curity adviser. Brent Scowcroft,

Early Wednesday morning, tears reportedly advised Mr. Clinton on filled Mr. Clinton's eyes as he list the use of secret codes he would use

tened to hymns at an interfaith in the event of nuclear conflict. A

service inside Washington's Metro-military aide carries a hriefcase

main unfilled, the slower the start cratic transition officials. Officials

fusal to start early. Ronald Reagan, voted considerable attention to en-

who launched the earliest and larg- suring continuity in foreign policy

est personnel effort in presidential and national security. Mr. Clinton

history, had Mr. James in place in and Secretary of State Warren M.

April, seven months before the Christopher have installed a virtu-

election. Even then, only 60 percent ally complete team at the State De-

of the top 400 jobs were filled six partment. At least half of the Na-

temporarily.

the U.S. diplomatic corps, Mr. Clinton said that foreign policy during his presidency would be built on three pillars: U.S. economie security, a restructuring of the armed forces and democratic principles.

However, there is an emerging consensus in Asia that America's new leaders will choose to subordinate advancement of democratie principles abroad in the interest of ne growth at home.

Sunil Gupta, research manager at Crosby Securities Pte. in Singapore, said Tuesday that Mr. Clinton would likely take "a pragmatie approach to Asia because he knows that his chance of fulfilling the campaign pledge of a stronger ecocomy and more jobs in the U.S. hinges heavily on promoting

In the first nine months of 1992, U.S. exports to Japan were worth \$35.1 billion and to the European Community \$75.5 billion, about the same as for the same period in

But in the first three quarters of 1992, American exports to the rest of East Asia outside Japan surged oearly 7 percent to \$64

CLINTON: Takes Office and Calls for Bold Political Change

host to the Clintoas and Gores for

coffee and reportedly left a private

handwritten note for his successor

on the Oval Office desk. Mr. Bush

warmly patted Mr. Clinton on the

back as he greeted his successor at

the White House and said: "Good

Earlier, Mr. Bush's national se-

"the football" wherever the

The Senate, moving quickly to

STAFF: Lack of Subcabinet Hiring May Slow Change

After days of arguing that the

Clintoo team ought to run the gov-

ernment they fought so hard to

take over, the Bush team at the last

minute changed gears and agreed to maintain in their jobs about four

dozen people identified by Demo-

such as David A. Kessler at the

Food and Drug Administration and Bernadine P. Healy at the Na-

tional Institutes of Health, who re-

sisted leaving their posts, can stay

The new administration has de-

hriefed the incoming president and reportedly advised Mr. Clinton on

Tuesday, Lee Kuan Yew, Singapore's senior

economy can get from exports will come from exports to Asia."

He said that Mr. Clinton could profitably

use U.S. leverage on trade and security issues to open markets and sell more to East Asia, helping both sides of the Pacific to prosper.

Mr. Lee said that the new U.S. president would have to decide if his priorities were

economics, or politics. "If it is economics," he said. "then he should not muddy the situation by bringing in the politics of democracy and human rights and pressing it too hard because that would upset the economic growth that's on its way in East Asia."

China's economy, the second largest in Asia after Japan, grew by about 11 percent in 1992, providing the demand for a 22 percent increase in imports.

Timothy Moe, head of research at Jardine Fleming Securities Ltd. in Hong Kong, said that the Clinton administration might main-tain a strong verbal campaign against China on human rights.

But such a campaign, he added, would be separated from economic issues, such as re-newal of most-favored-nation treatment for Chinese imports to the U.S., which Mr. Clin-

they will reside.

On arrival, Mr. Bush told well-

wishers: "Now it's back to the real

world for the Bushes, privileged to

He added jocularly: "All I can

Former Vice President Dan

say is: It's been one hell of a ride."

Quayle, 45, flew off to a vacation

with his wife, Marilyn. They will

Los Angeles Times Service

Sessions, the head of the Federal

Bureau of Investigation, dismissed

a highly critical Justice Depart-

ment report that accused him of

WASHINGTON - William S.

FBI Director Rejects

Federal Allegations

and mistaken conclusions".

compromised ethical standards."

Moscow Gasoline Prices Up

MOSCOW - The capital in-

creased gasoline prices by about 50 percent on Wednesday, bringing the cost of a liter of top-grade fuel

reside in Indianapolis.

minister, said that the "lift that the American" ton had threatened in the campaign to use as leverage for progress on human rights.

Other Asian analysts said that an increasing number of members of Congress realized that if they revoked China's favored status in June, or attached unacceptable conditions, Beijing could retaliate by slowing its imports from the United States.

American consumers, who benefit from low-cost imports of Chinese goods, would also suffer because noncompliance by China with Washington's demands would mean much higher tariffs for Chinese products entering the U.S. market, resulting in higher

Analysts said opinion in Congress, where the Democrats have majority control, ap-peared to be moving away from the use of trade penalities against China to force the rights issue.

Senator J. Bennett Johnston, Democrat of Louisiana, said last week after visiting China that he would press Mr. Clinton and Congress to extend most-favored-nation status without attaching demands that Beijing im-

prove its rights record.

He said that the United States should not miss the chance to benefit from China's highspeed economic growth.

CAPITAL: wife, Barbara, for a helicopter flight to Andrews Air Force Base, Reflected Glory and then on to Houston, where

(Continued from page 1) attracted 1,800 guests and caused downtown limo-lock, was as classconscious as Dante's circles of bell.

Only those on the A list were allowed up to the top floor, where guests could claw their way to a back room to catch a glimpse of such luminaries as Chevy Chase, Ed Begley Jr., Richard Dysart and Rue McClanahan.

Lesser guests were pointed toward the down escalator, where they wandered like the damped around a basement mall where they were served cake instead of the up-stairs filet mignon, and where the best store was a closed post office

ical and Genealogical Handbook," said: "Real royalty doesn't let Disment report that accused him of using his office for personal gain as being riddled with "errors in fact being riddled with "errors in fact blance to a dynasty."

In a three-page statement, drawn up with the help of his private attorneys, Mr. Sessions said that he had conducted himself "in accor-North Korean Leader dance with the law and with un-Secretly Met Chinese

Agence France-Presse TOKYO — President Kim Il Sung of North Korea visited Beij-ing secretly in November to plead for Chinese military and economic aid, a news report said here

Sources in Beijing were quoted by Japan Broadcasting Corp. as saying that China rejected the mili-tary aid request but granted eco-bers and guests at his official resi-dence in Tokyo.

tently created sympathy for Mr. Saddam: "It is possible. No question about it."

better positioned to receive a more

sympathetic hearing if he adopts a

conciliatory approach to the new

actions in Iraq. For example, de-

could resume normal relations with

fraq if Mr. Saddam improved his

By cootrast, Mr. Bush and his officials repeatedly encouraged the

Iraqi people to overthrow Mr. Sad-

administration

out public dissent.

John E. Morby, anthor of "Dynasties of the World: A Chronological and Genealogical Handbook" A Royal Bright Spot Raises Japanese Spirits

TOKYO — Governing party politicians, faced with scandals and economic woe, kept turning in their national convention Wednesday to their only recent good news - the engagement of Japan's erown

prince.
"Yesterday was a glorious royal day," said a legislator, Kiyoko Ono, referring to the announcement that Crown Prince Narahito will wed a former diplomat.

"And today is a glorious day for said, before leading cheers for Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa at

dam, and on occasion said that the UN economic sanctions against Iraq would remain in place as long as Mr. Saddam was in power. "Every time Mr. Clinton has expressed support for Mr. Bush's pol-icy, he always said, 'I support im-

Given the changing international receptivity to military activity against Iraq and the pitfalls of a U.S. policy of limited bombing strikes, Mr. Saddam may now be plementation of the UN resolutions,' but he never said anything about destabilization of the regime," Mr. Salameh said. "The view in the Middle East is that the distinction is finally made between the White House 'wish list' and the

Although the U.S.-led multina-tional coalition that ousted Iraq UN resolutions." Several Iraqi dissidents abroad criticized the United States for not from Kuwait in 1991 has been severely strained for months, it has targeting sites that might substannever expressed such clear reservatially weaken Mr. Saddam's contions about postwar U.S. military trol, such as military and police beadquarters, thus reinforcing the spite unhappiness about the impo-sition of a flight-restriction zone in perception among many Iraqis that the Bush administration wanted to keep Mr. Saddam —and Iraq —as southern Iraq in August, most coalition members went along witha whipping boy and was not sincere

about wanting him ousted. As the strikes against Iraq again A London-based Iraqi exile. put Mr. Saddam back on the fron! pages of U.S. newspapers, Bill Clinton signaled that his policy to-ward Iraq might differ from George Bush's, Mr. Salameh noted. Ghassan Attich, said that Mr. Saddam was convincing his people "that they cannot get rid of him." At the end of the Gulf War, he noted, "for one week, even top Iraci officials couldn't find Mr. He was referring to an interview in which Mr. Clinton appeared to hold out the possibility — which he later denied — that Washingtoo

But now, Mr. Attieh said, just after a U.S. strike, "he's in a public hospital" visiting the injured. Of U.S. officials, he said: "I cannot honestly see what they are trying to accomplish. What are they prov-

at the annual convention, the Liberal Democrats face one of the toughest times ever in their nearly four-decade rule over Japan as public criticism grows of corrup-tion in the party's top ranks.

An Israeli soldier stopping in front of a Tel Aviv store to watch Mr. Clinton's inaugural address.

Opposition parties are demanding that a former prime minister be questioned again in a parliamentary session that opens Friday about his alleged involvement with gang-

A clash between the Liberal the Liberal Democratic Party," she Democrats and the opposition could stall the passage of next fiscal year's budget and legislation need-ed to implement a 10.7 trillion yen (\$85.6 billion) government package to stimulate the sagging economy.

Indeed, the economic slowdown - with bankruptcies climbing and IRAQ: Attacks May Help Saddam increased public displeasure. Anger rose to such rare proportions in corporate profits plunging - bas usually passive Japan last year that a party "kingmaker," Shin Kanemaru, was forced to resign from parliament for receiving millions of

dollars in illegal donations. With the crown prince's wedding slated for May or June, party offi-cials are relieved because elections for parliament's powerful lower house are now unlikely to be held until after the royal event.

Elections for the lower house, which selects the prime minister, must be held before February 1994, but fears had been stirring that a vote might have to be called earlier because of public discontent.

The emperor and his family are figureheads under the postwar constitution, but scheduling a nationwide election before the wedding is considered inappropriate.

That is likely to push the elec-tions into the fall, until after Tokyo holds the summit meeting of industrialized nations in July. By that time, governing party of-

ficials hope the negative effects of the scandal may have worn off. "We have to turn the imperial wedding into our election advan-tage," said Toshiko Hoshikuma, a Liberal Democrat from Fukuoka in

southern Japan. But a former finance minister, Tsutomu Hata, who has started a splinter group in the party to advo-cate change, doubted that the im-perial marriage would help the Liberal Democrats.

"It's not going to do away with people's basic distrust of politics," men," captured 102, including the four Vietnamese, and recruited 400 defectors in the Battambang fight-ing.

UN Troops Assailed By Khmers

PHNOM PENH --- The Khmer PHNOM PENH — The Khmer Ronge asserted Wednesday that UN peacekeepers were aiding the Phnom Penh "puppet regime" guided by what they called Vietnamese aggressors in an offensive to capture their stronghold at Pailin.

The accusation came as United Nations officials in Cambodia said 12 peacekeepers in the Khmer Rouge generoring town of Pallin were placed under guard and restricted to the town center.

The Khmer Rouge force has also forbidden all UN helicopter flights to Pallin, even in a medical energy.

gency, a UN spokesman said. their house and inside Pailin," he

said. They've gone to the market to huy some food and other But the 12 troopers could be reached only by a long journey over

poorly maintained dirt roads. The peacekeepers are also forbidden to nake a one-hour road trip to Thailand, he said.

The 12 include Australian signalers, British mine clearers, military observers from the United States, Ireland and Ghana, and Cambodi-

The Khmer Rouge have recently confronted the Pailin peacekeepers cused the U.S. officer there of spy-

The faction claimed to have captured four Vietnamese officers in the "suppression operation carried out by the Vietnamese aggressors and their puppets with the support of some UNTAC chiefs aimed at capturing Pailin area." UN military sources verified that fighting between Khmer Rouge and Phnom Penh government forces had oc-curred in Battambang Province on the way to Pailin. The extent of it

was not immediately known. The Phnom Penh government has previously said the Khmer Rouge were attempting to take Bat-tambang's provincial capital dur-ing fighting in December. But it is Pinom Penh's forces that have

The Khmer Rouge claimed to have killed or wounded 97-"enemy

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BOSNIA: Peace Formula Backed

Serbia, who is hlamed by the West as the key instigator of the war and

whose regime has been the sole provider of food, fuel and ammunitioo for the Bosnian Serbian cause. Mr. Milosevic, who rules by

strong-arm tactics and deft ma-oipulation of Serbian nationalist sentiment, signaled publicly in Ge-neva last week that he wanted to wind down the Bosnian conflict. The signal came after more than half a year during which he insisted he had nothing to do with the war.

The Serbian leader's change of heart was forced, in large measure, by international pressure. His regime's sponsorship of the war pro-voked UN economic sanctions which are gutting the Serbian economy. The U.S. government holds Mr. Milosevic personally responsi-ble for what it says have been

"crimes agains: humanity." in the week since Mr. Milosevic that the Bosnian Serbian state, de-

spite the public protestations of some local hard-liners, is a puppet of the Serbian leader's will. Before the vote in Pale, a long procession of Bosnian Serbian warlords, nationalist fanatics and soldiers made impassioned speeches about how it would be "capitalation" for them to sign a peace deal that denies them a sovereign Serbi-

Wherever Serbian boots have stepped, this is Serbia," Vojislav Kupresanin, one deputy in the un-elected parliament, said in a typi-

cally bellicose speech.

But when the secret ballot came,
all but 15 Bosnian Serbs, and one abstainer, got in line behind the Milosevie regin

This is a step closer to peace, Mr. Karadzic said after the vote. "We are ready for an immediate and unconditional cease-fire throughout Bosnia- Herzegovina.

including Sarajevo."
The call for a total cease-fire. began presenting himself as a based on the evidence of scores of peacemaker, it has been made clear failed truces, seems unlikely to win

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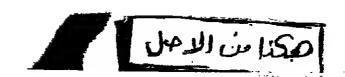
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UNITA Victory Reported

Angola City Said To Fall to Rebels

LUANDA, Angola — UNITA rebels appear to have scored a ma-jor victory in their war against Angolan government troops with the reported capture of the key oil

town of Soyo, which accounts for a third of Angola's production. The government said its forces were still putting up stiff resistance in Soyo, which after Cabinda is Angola's most important oil center. But diplomats and evacuees said

Wednesday that there was increasing evidence that UNITA or the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola, had captured the town after two days of fierce battles and had seized 17 foreign oil

Attempts were being made to open talks to win their release. The apparent fall of Soyo is a

major blow to the government, which needs cash from oil exports to fund its war with UNITA. The war resumed in earnest earlier this Oil earns about 90 percent of

Angola's foreign revenues, and the northwestern town of Soyo accounted for a third of the country's daily production of more than 500,000 barrels.

Industry officials said most oil activity in the area had been paralyzed by the fighting, and they could not assess whether operational equipment had been badly damaged. Scores of foreigners, many of

them Portuguese, were evacuated from the area by boat and belicopter. They said they believed UNITA had captured the town and adjacent oil facilities. Fina Petroleos de Angola said 17

expatriates, some from service companies, had been unable to flee and it was trying to reach UNITA officials to secure their release. Fourteen of the captured for-

eigners were Portuguese, one British, ooe Argentine and one Italian. Texaco Panama Inc. Angola and Elf Exploration Angola, the two other major foreign operators at Soyo, have reportedly evacuated their expatriate staff but the fate of dozens of Angolan workers was un-

UNITA's Voice of the Black Cockerel radio confirmed that foreigners were in rebel hands. It added that despite fierce fighting in several areas it was ready to discuss peace with the government.

The radio reported heavy fighting in the Huambo, Medongwe, Moxico, Saurimo and Malanje

State media said Cabinda was tense, and authorities feared that tack in the enclave sandwiched between Zaire and Congo.

The state media said UNITA forces were advancing toward oorthern Saurimo and that there had been ficree clashes in central Luena and in Cunene Province near the border with Namibia.

Kenya Gives UN Reassurances on Refugees' Status

NAIROBI - The Kenyan government told worried UN officials on Wednesday that it had oo intention of evicting a half million refu-gees, UN officials said.

They said they were given the assurance by Foreign Minister Kalonzo Musyoka when they discussed a government statement calling on the United Nations to repatriate 500,000 refugees, mostly Somalis, because of bandit attacks and scant resources.

"It seems there is no intention on the government's part to move refugees back with force," said Panos Mountzis, a spokesman for the UN High Commissioner for Refugees. "It was more of a request to

The high commissioner's office said that it was concerned about Kenya's statement Tuesday calling for the UN to send home refugees and that it would oppose any forc-

U.K. Church Picks Saddam For Its TV Ad

LONDON - President Saddam Hussein of Iraq appeared on television screens throughout central England late Tuesday in the first commercial of its kind by the Church of England, a press

report said.
The 20-second advertisement commissioned by the Lichfield diocese, consisted of a series of harrowing photo-graphs, followed by the ques-

tion "Why?" The commercials were made by a Londoo agency Cogent and "are trying to get God on the agenda," a spokesman told

The Times newspaper.

Of Mr. Saddam's starring role, James McCobb of Cogent said: We just wanted a symbol that was quickly rec-ognized as a link with global

Bottom Line on United Mogadishu: Unwary Will Still 'Get Shot on Sight'

By John Lancaster
Washington Post Service
MOGADISHU, Somalia — Officially, if not literally, this city is now united. Probably only in theory, it is onw possible to drive freely across the eastwest "green line," the rubble-strewn noman's land that separates the territories of the capital's two dominant warlords, Mohammed Farrah Aidid and Mohammed Ali Mahdi.

Representatives of both men, whose militias waged artillery battles that

killed bundreds after the January 1991 fall of President Mohammed Siad Barre, on Toesday cleared away the last checkpoints leading into the area. The operation was part of a U.S.-brokered political reconciliation process that also has yielded pledges by both sides to cease hostilities, release prisoners and move militias to encampments outside of town, Mr. Mahdi and General Aidid had agreed to eliminate the green line

last month.
"We want every Somali to pass free-

may be less than meets the eye to the removal of the barricades, a chaotic and a consultant to the United Nations Deat times festive event that drew a caravan of press vehicles, U.S. officials and of the Somali drivers he employs. "On four armored personnel carriers from Friday, we were fully armed, we had a U.S. and Italian forces. Despite the promises of political leaders, residents and relief officials expressed doubt that they would soon be able to travel safely throughout the city, where a simple wrong turn can literally be the difference between life and death.

"They'll get shot on sight if they're on the wrong side of the line." Jim Shanor, of providing security for food distributions of the task force in Somalia. velopment Program in Mogadishu, said bunch of people, we had the UN flag flying -- and they wouldn't go one inch beyond the checkpoint. There's still a lot of fear. They haven't broken the ice at the level of the people."

U.S.-led multinational coalition in So-

tion and relief workers. They are eager to begin transferring the operation to the UN, a move that cannot occur until the Security Council votes on a resolution outlining the scope of the mission and the rules noder which the multinational troops will be allowed to use

American military officials say the and baoditry, we can see that really on a serious downswing." said Marine Lieu-

"They're beginning to get back to life as

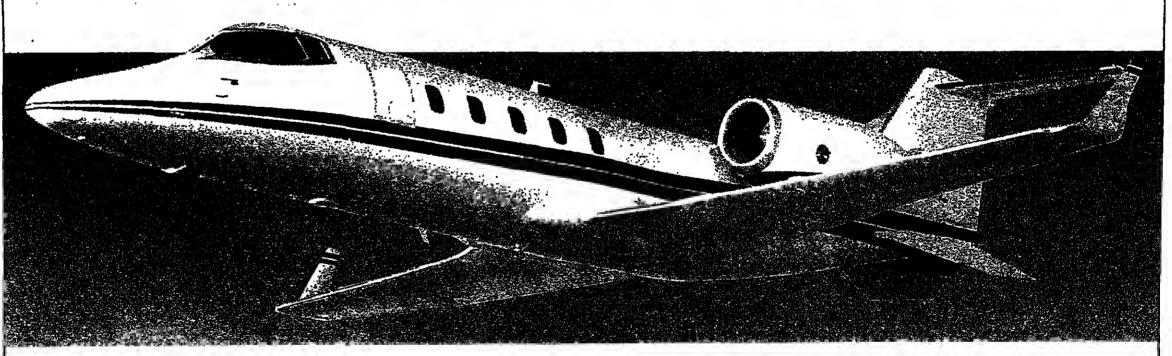
A Marine Is Wounded A U.S. Marine was shot and wounded

in Mogadishu, a military spokesman said Wednesday, Reuters reported from Mogadishu. "A Marine was wounded in a shoot-

ing incident last night," Captain Ed

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U.S. Superplane: Another UFO Tale?

New York Times Service NEW YORK - Rumors and reported sightings of a secret American superplane have been spreading lately almost as abundantly as yarns about unidentified flying objects.

But despite the acknowledged yearning of many American avin-tion experts and buffs for an ultrafast spy plane, it appears that development of even the engine needed for such a plane is moving faster in Russia than in the United

Advancing the case for wishful thinking, John E. Pike, an aviation expert, has written: "Belief in the

By Malcolm W. Browne existence of marvelously capable and highly secret aircraft resonates with some of the deeper anxieties of contemporary American society. Aviation has long been one of the distinguishing attributes of American greatness, but the declining fortunes of the American aerospace industry have created growing un-

> The possible existence of a new American intelligence-gathering plane capable of flying at eight times the speed of sound has been suggested in recent articles in the British periodical Jane's Defense Weekly, the American magazine Aviation Week & Space Technology and other respected technical

certainties about the future."

These reports are based partly on Jane's Defense Weekly, still besightings of large and unusually lieves in the existence of some kind shaped airplanes, peculiar looking of secret, high-speed spy plane.

"Many of these sightings were flying aircraft, and strange rum-bling sounds around the world.

Some experts say they believe the purported sightings of a hypersonic reconnaissance plane are credible French aerospace partners bave anin light of some mysterious Delense Department budget items in
of a "scramjet" engine—an engine the 1980s referring to a project called "Aurora."

air force, said last month that re- orbit outside the atmosphere. ports of such an aircraft were "fan-

William Sweetman, author of the report published in December by "Many of these sightings were

from highly qualified and credible

observers," he said.

Meanwhile, Russia and its French aerospace partners bave anthat operates at speeds starting at five times that of sound, and capa-Donald B. Rice, secretary of the ble of boosting an airplane toward

> The French-Russian test, as reoned by Aviation Week & Space Technology, was carried out Nov. 17 in Kazakhstan.

Royal-Tape Inquiry Seeks Help of Participants

LONDON - Britain's press watchdog asked Prince Charles and his married woman friend on Wednesday whether they would cooperate with an inquiry into the publication of a taped conversation said to be be-

The Press Complaints Commission said it was writing to the heir to the throne and to

Camilla Parker Bowles asking if they felt their privacy had been invaded by the publication of the transcript in newspapers around the world.

The six-minute tape records an intimate conversation between lovers and is thought to date from 1989, when Charles, 44, was still living with his wife, Princess Diana. The royal couple formally separated last December.

Buckingham Palace has not officially pro tested the tape's publication in three British national newspapers; it has appeared in mag-azines and papers from Australia to Ireland.

Before we make a decision to investigate possible breaches of privacy, we need to find out if the individuals involved are prepared to cooperate," the commission's director. Mark

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EUROPEAN TOPICS

Spanish Cities Forced To Curb Use of Water

Southern Spain is facing a wa-ter shortage that could turn critical if the rains don't come soon. More and more cities bave ordered restrictions: In Seville. there is no water from 7 P. M. until 7 A. M.; Madrid residents have been barred from yards or gardens since May, in Toledo, water has been pumped from the Tagus River since the

reservoir went dry a week ago. In Puertollano, a city of 50,000, reservoirs are at a 50-year low. The local chemical industry, a big water user, is considering 500 lay-

The Spanish government has allocated 13 billion peseus (\$113 million) for emergency water work, including construction of 45 reservoirs. Part of the problem is that wa-

ter is cheap in Spain, and the Spanish consume more of it than any other European country (about 300 liters a day per inhabitant). The trend has been upward for years, but now the cost is becoming obvious.

Some are profiting from the drought: Sales of mineral water are up 3,500 percent from this time a year ago.

Around Europe

A new German newsmagazine. Focus, is vying for a share of the market long dominated by the venerable Der Spiegel. It won't be easy. There have been nearly 50 unsuccessful attempts to compete with Der Spiegel in its 45-year

The new Munich-based weekly, published by the Burda group, is striving for a lively look, making wide use of color pictures. while Spiegel retains its conservative black and white look. If Focus has a chance, it may be be-cause, as Claus Heinrich Meyer wrote in the daily Suddeutsche Zeitung, "Monday duty" - or reading Der Spiegel — had be-come "not much fun,"



A RUSSIAN RELIC? - Russia's matrioshka, or nesting dolls, may be endangered. Workers at the oldest manufacturer of the dolls, the state-owned Arts, Crafts and Toy Factory in Sergiyer Posad, say private enterprise may put it out of business. New entrepreneurs are making si products but painted to represent current political figures or popular figures.

in Switzerland, "green bank-ing" has proven a mild success at best. Several banks, mostly in German-speaking areas, offer low-interest loans for companies buying environmentally friendly equipment. These loans in turn are often financed by "green sav-ings accounts," whose holders receive lower yields than usual but know their money is going to a good cause. One institution, the Banque Cantonale Vaudoise, has found takers for only one-third its available loans. The Banque Cantonale Zurichoise says only one in 1,000 of its savers choose

Eskimos, long believed immune to beart problems because of their low-cholesterol seafood diet, are increasingly at risk as they adopt Western lifestyles. Dutch re-

ercen accounts.

searchers said Wednesday.

The Eskimo of the 1990s eats, drinks and smokes like a Westerner and spends more time sitting on his snow-scooter than taking exercise," said Louis Havekes of the IVVO/TNO research insti-

tute in Leiden, Dutch, Belgian

and Danish scientists, who tested Eskimos in Greenland, found their cholesterol levels are rising to European averages.

The Belgian government has proposed an "ecotax," to apply to certain packaging materials and pesticides; it will vary depending on how damaging the materials are to the environment.

Contemporary art is a "sinister farce," in the view of Jean-Marie Le Pen, the French leader of the far right. He said the left controlled "three-fourths of the contemporary painting market" and said the state "imposed a Socialist art worthy of Dr. Goebbels." The remarks came at a meeting of the "scientific council" of his National Front.

In Bonn, the Bundestag has agreed that women should be given more consideration in the language of official publications, with a preference for gender-neutral language.

One in four Russian soldiers

believes in God, according to a Defense Ministry poll, while twothirds of those surveyed said they were not sure. A mere 10 percent termed themselves atheists.

After 61 years, children in Yucostavia will be denied their daily dose of Mickey Mouse. According to the Belgrade newspaper Politika, Walt Disney officials in the United States have decided that Mickey's publication is not allowable under UN trade sanctions against the rump state. "Why must children be pun-ished?" asked Politika, which has published the strip since 1932.

As if noflution in Rome weren't bad enough, burger joints are adding to the baze, causing deterioration of local monuments, officials say. A new study has found that the greasy steam vented by such establishments as McDonald's and Burghy sticks to buildings, allowing airborne pollution to ding even more tightly. Burghy spokesmen deny the charge:

Brian Knowlton

German Green Party Looks Eastward

By Stephen Kinzer New York Times Service

BERLIN - Anxious to regain its former influence, the Green Party has merged with a party that sprang from the rights movement in former East Germany. A spokesman said the new party would offer voters "renewed political strength" in federal and state elec-tions scheduled for 1994. Its leaders hope that it will become the country's third largest party.

At a convention in Hanover last weekend, 750 delegates from the Greens and Alliance 90, based in Eastern Germany, voted overwhelmingly to merge. The decision must be approved by the rank-and-file. The merger comes at a time when recent polls have

Der Spiegel poll found that 89 percent of Germans surveyed have little or no trust in established parties.

Hesse and a longtime leader of the Greens. He described the merger as one of "the West German profest movement that grew out of 1968 with the democratic resistance to the East German dictatorship.

Mr. Fischer has already declared his intention to run for a seat in the parliament in 1994. He has been trying to lead the Greens away from their roots as alternative protesters toward participation in government "We have racism at the center of our society," Mr.

Fischer told the Hanover convention. "The dispatch of our troops to foreign countries is being prepared. Ecological policies that have been in place for 20 years are being rolled back. Aid to the eastern states is being shown sharp declines for both major German parties, paid for by culting social programs. Alliance the Christian Democrats and the Social Democrats. A 90/Greens must become the clear opposition to these

Although the new party is be listed officially as the Rome daily Il Messaggero. He "We are sending a signal that we are breaking out."

Alliance 90/Greens, members said it will be informal-said the Vatican was "studying said Joschka Fischer, minister of the environment in ly called the Greens.

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Pope Said to Plan Visit to Sarajevo

ROME - Pope John Paul II is planning to visit Sarajevo to show solidarity with the residents of the besieged Bosnian capital, the city's Roman Catholic archbishop said. .> **

Cardinal Vinko Puljic confirmed that during a recent meeting with the Pope he had invited him to Sarajevo.

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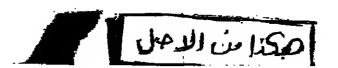
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Up in the Sky! Pack Hunters

By William K. Stevens New York Times Service

EW YORK -The majestic image of the lone cagle may often hold true. But scientists are also beginning to piece together a more complex picture of eagles, hawks and falcons as team players whose hunting tactics and cunning intelligence invite comparison with the wolf and the fox.

Eagles, in fact, not only mount concerted and successful attacks on the fox; they also deceive monkeys, humans' close relatives, in the deadly game of predator versus prey. By acting together, they are even able to hring down hig animals like deer, antelope and African bushbucks

Diving, swooping and executing barrel rolls, peregrine falcons dou-ble-team rapidly darting swifts, birds that no single falcon could possibly ontmaneuver. As the swift veers right and left in a horizontal plane, both male and female come at it from above. The male, smaller and more agile, reverses course once it is below the swift and attacks a second time, from beneath. The multiple assaults drive swifts to such distraction that they fly into obstructions or plunge into water, becoming easy pickings.

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for rabbits. When one is found, the vertebrate ecologist at Southern

attack. If necessary, one platoon flushes the press from hand for the press from hand flushes the press from hand for the press from hand flushes the press flushes flushes the prey from brush directly into the talons of the other. If a jack rabbit leads them on a chase, the hawks pursue in relays that keep the quarry running till it drops.

These hawks are "not one whit behind a wolf pack" in their hunting behavior, said Dr. David H. Ellis, an animal behaviorist and raptor expert at the Patuxent Wildlife Research Center of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at Laurel, Maryland.

As the grimly fascinating evidence accumulates, it is forcing scientists to reassess their long-standing treatment of raptors as solitary predators. Often the hirds do hunt alooe, and the difficulty of observing them at work has made it hard to discover other kinds of hunting

But now, according to a study in lowed a trapper to catch ptarmithe journal BioScience, there are gans, birds that he flushed while enough observations to suggest that cagles and their cousins command a wide repertory of preda-tory actions, including the most sophisticated. This command may be essential to the species' long-term

evolutionary survival strategy. Raptors' newly appreciated prowess reveals "a high degree of intelligence," said Dr. Ellis, the primary author of the paper in BioScience. The other authors are Dr. groups of Harris's hawks assemble James C. Bednarz, a behavioral each winter morning, divide into ecologist at Boise State University platoons and scour the countryside in Idaho, Dr. Dwight G. Smith, a

ogist in Sackville, New Brunswick.

future research. But in any case, the catalogue of behavior culled by Dr. Ellis and his colleagues from the scientifie literature adds up to a chilling picture of raptor craftiness.

OME huntiog hawks travel with similar birds, like vultures, to disguise their presence from the prey. A number of raptors follow the leading edges of fires, rising flood waters, moving trains and even people to capture prey flushed by the disturbances. Peregrine falcons have accompanied a moving train for up to six miles for this

Gyrfalcons in Alaska often foltending his traps. In an extreme example, a northern harrier prowled an active bombing range to nah animals and birds scattered hy the exploding bombs. In Venezuela, Dr. Ellis observed

a white hawk traveling with a troop

of monkeys acting as de facto

"beaters," much as humans beat game to the hunters. And golden eagles in the American West have been known to pounce in semicoordinated attacks

on roule deer and antelope, killing them in the winter snow. But none of this behavior consti-

leagues, the term requires that the Just how bright raptors are rela-ove to the intelligent mammals social unit; that some members, in they kill is unclear and a subject of a division of labor, sacrifice their own prospects for a direct kill in deference to the group interest; and that group members share in the Spoils

> In the most complex forms, rap-tors exchange signals to coordinate the hunt and cooperate in hunting outside the hreeding season. Many instances suggesting this level of behavior have been observed.

In Manitoba, an adult and a juvenile golden eagle were observed attacking a fox in team fashion: The juvenile, from a height of about 25 yards, dive-bombed the fox from behind, making loud cries to attract the fox's attention.

The fox turned to jump at the juvenile, whereupon the adult, posiooned 150 yards aloft, dived silently, striking the quarry in the shoul-der blades and knocking it down. The fox, evidently trying to reach cover some distance away, got up and ran again. The tandem strike was repeated. On the fourth attack, the adult eagle sank its talons into the fox and held on. The younger one joined the attack, and after a

fearful struggle, the fox was dead.

Does this mean the eagle is smarter than the fox? Not likely, Dr. Ellis said, since "the fox will smarter." he said. Dr. Ellis said, since "the fox will on the other hand, raptor teamrun the same game on him." In work appears to signify a higher order of behavior than the cooperainnate." All of this, he says, is grist the trailing eagle glided in from

meal and also killed a fox if it had

attacked, Instead, it chased one fox

away, creating an opening for the theft. "It's real clear that the fox is

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Dr. Ellis has spent months ob-

serving the behavior of golden ea-gles, and he says, "It's hard for me to imagine that they hadn't learned from their mistakes early on and were profiting from that learning.

Diversion and attack: While vervet monkeys emerge from the cover of tree foliage to watch the swooping flight of an African crowned eagle, another eagle A

flies in from behind to snatch an

unwary monkey.

oated hunting hy pairs of raptors have also been reported. In soothern Africa, two black eagles were observed to approach a colony of cape vultures. While the leading

they will not even try to capture prey that they know can be captured only through teamwork; it is not worth the expenditure of energy. But higger game or the quicker capture resulting from group ef-



By Gina Kolata

ASHINGTON — Tuesday is liver clinic day at the Veterans Affairs Hospital in Washington, a time when pacents with every sort of liver ailment are seen by Dr. Leonard Seeff and his staff. Last week was typical. Dr. Seeff saw 15 patients. Thirteen had hepatitis C a tenacious and insidious and sometimes fatal virus that infects the liver and that only now is becoming recognized as a public health threat.

The virus is a medical mystery. Ever since a test to detect it in blood became available in 1990, doctors are finding more and more people who are infected but have no symptoms. Some 20 to 40 percent of people coming to inner city hospitals have the virus, as do 80 percent of intravenous drug users. Yet, to doctors' puzzlement, about 40 percent of hepatitis C carriers say they never used intravenous drugs, never had a transfusion before 1990 when blood was first screened for the virus, and have oo apparent reason for contracting the infection by blood-to-blood contact.

Equally mysterious is the elinical course of the disease. It can take many years for the virus to damage the liver. Doctors are feverishly trying to learn how to treat the virus, which seems impervious to the immune system's attempts to squelch it and which, a new study shows, seems

never to go away once it enters the hver.

"It's a very scary situation," said Dr. Robert Perillo, who is director of gastroenterology at the Veterans Affairs Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri.

Among Dr. Seeff's patients was Bob Moran, 42, who lost both his legs to Vietnam in 1970 when he stepped on a land mine. When he went for an annual physical examination two years ago, his doctor ooticed that his liver enzyme concentrations were low and snggested he have

A year later, Mr. Moran followed his doctor's advice. The diagnosis: hepatitis C. Mr. Moran said he is pretty certain he got the infection from blood transfusions when he was injured

Kenneth Sparks, 42, used intravenous drugs from 1986 until 1988. A year and a half ago, after a physical exam, he learned he had hepaous C and cirrhosis of the liver, although he has

The mystery case was Lyntellus Brooks Sr., 66. He never used drugs and never had a transfusion. Yet he has hepatitis C.

The more that invesogators see patients with hepatitis C, the more they wonder whether the virus has always been as common or whether it is a newly emerging threat.

Dr. Seeff thinks that it has become much more common now than in previous decades. One reason, he said, is that if it were as prevalent now as in the past, and if, as expected, many patients eventually have serious liver damage, there should now he enormous numbers of patients with liver cancer and liver disease. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that at least 150,000 people in the United States are newly infected with hepatitis C each year; yet liver disease kills only 35,000 to 40,000 a year.

An indirect sign that the disease may now be

stored since World War II, that was drawn from soldiers inoculated with a tainted yellow fever vaccine. The vaccine, made with human serum, infected 350,000 troops with hepatitis B. Dr. Seeff and his colleagues found. The hepautis B virus, which is entirely different from hepathtis C virus, lingered in only I percent of the soldiers, who became chronic carriers.

HEN the blood test for hepatitis C became available in 1990, Dr. Seeff used it to screen the stored blood samples. He was surprised to find oo hepatitis C in the blood of the vaccinated troops or in the unvaccinated men who served as a comparison group. In contrast, as many as 13 percent of the comparison group had hepatitis B infections acquired in the usual ways. Dr. Seeff and others say they strongly suspect that hepati-tis C existed in the 1940s, but the vaccine study suggests it was not so common.

Hepatitis, a liver infection that manifests

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of the World War II soldiers that scientists had proof that a form of hepatitis could be trans-

mitted by blood,
Disturbed by their inability to understand how hepados is transmitted, researchers in the United States and in England then conducted studies trying to give hepaotis to "volunteers," mostly children with Down syndrome and prisoners, Dr. Seeff said. Those "horrendous" studles eventually led to the isolaton of the hepatitis viruses and development of a hepatitis B vaccine.

In the 1960s, researchers began studying cases linked to blood transfusions. To their astonishment, hepatitis B accounted for only a small percentage of the cases. With the isolation of the hepathtis C virus in 1987, it is now known that the

non-B hepatitis was actually hepatitis C.

If the prevalence of hepatitis C is growing, it may be due to the epidemic of intravenous drug use in the 1960s and '70s, researchers say. Dr. Miriam Alter of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention showed in a paper published oo Dec. 31 that almost everyooc infected itself as jaundice, has been known since ancient with hepatitis C goes on to become a chronic

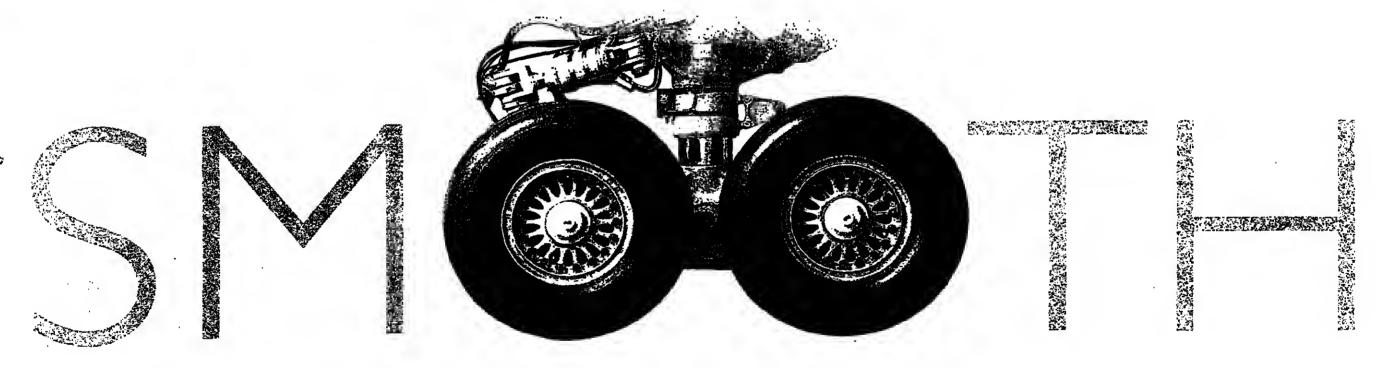
carrier, whether or not they develop symptoms of disease. So, with an ever-expanding pool of infected people who generally have no symp-toms for years or decades, the disease could

mushroom in the population.

But that still leaves the quescoon of how people like Mr. Brooks got infected, Dr. Alter and her colleagues found that like him. 40 percent of people with hepatitis C say they never had a transfusion and never used intraveoous drugs. The most common link is poverty, she said. Dr. Alter said the virus even shows up in one out of 200 blood donors, a highly

one out of 200 mood conors, a nighty screened, healthy group of people.

One possibility is that the virus is spread through sexual contact. But, said Dr. Harvey Alter, a hepatitis researcher at the National Institutes of Health, "If it's spread sexually, and it probably is, it's spread inefficiently." Groups that are at high risk for sexually transmitted dispares are at much lower risk for hepatitis C. he diseases are at much lower risk for hepatitis C, he said. For example, 60 to 80 percent of homosexual men were infected with the AIDS virus or hepatitis B virus, but just 4 percent were infected with hepatitis C.



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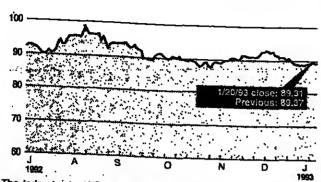
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Messengers of Bad News Reap Rewards Over IBM

By Steve Lohr New York Times Service

EW YORK — All the bad news about International Business Machines Corp. has been good news for a pair of IBM-watchers whose timely critiques of the company's plight are making them the talk of the high-tecb community: Mark Stahlman, a New York-based financial adviser, and Charles Ferguson, a consultant from Cambridge, Massachusetts. The two men are, in essence, vying for the distinction of being America's leading IBM-basher. The rewards are a public following for themselves, the books they are writing and their advice-selling firms.

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How times have changed. The thriving cottage industry of consultants, analysts and market re-Drucker to Tom Peters puzzled IBM-basher.

searchers that track and ponder IBM used to be a respectful lot be America's leading Management gurus from Peter over what made IBM so good.

But IBM isn't getting much respect these days. And the analytic question of the moment, addressed by both Mr. Stahlman and Mr. Ferguson, is: What went

so wrong, seemingly so fast at IBM?

The 45-year-old Mr. Stahlman weighed in first. He gained notoriety last month when his lengthy article, "Why IBM Failed," was yanked at the last minute from the January-February issue of the Harvard Business Review.

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Mr. Stahlman charged that his piece had been pulled as a favor to IBM, after pressure from Harvard Business School professors close to the company. IBM denies any interference. Mr. Stahlman, president of New Media Associates, is busting to finish a book that will expand on the piece be wrote for the Business Review.

Mr. Ferguson, a 37-year-old computer expert, has already completed his book, "Computer Wars: How the West Can Win in a Post-IBM World," written with Charles R. Morris.

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The Ferguson-Morris team has written a 14-page "open letter" to IBM's directors in advance of the Jan. 26 board meeting. The letter calls for the resignation of IBM's chairman, president and most of

There are common themes in the arguments of Mr. Stahlman and Mr. Ferguson. The main one is that IBM became too much of a traditional bureaucratic company in a fast-changing industry. The See IBM, Page 14

Weak Retail Sales Dent U.K. Hopes

International Herald Tribune, Thursday, January 21, 1993

By Erik Ipsen
International Herold Tribune

LONDON — Britain's growing gaggle of economic optimists scurried for cover Wednesday after the news that retail sales in December fell by 0.7 percent instead of posting the increase that had been almost univer-sally forecast.

"Ohviously it was a shnck," said Andrew Milligan, an economist with Smith New Court. For the economy as a whole it is a

worrying figure." The analysts clung to their forecasts of a modest economic recovery this year, but the hope that it could prove to be something more than that was dealt a serious blow by the disappointing sales in the crucial Christmas selling season. The decline in sales also fired up hopes of a further cut in British fired up bopes of a further cut in British

Today's figures just dampen down some of the excessive optimism that had built up around the end of the year," said Peter Fellner, an economist at NatWest Capital Markets. Economists were quick to point out that even with December's disappointing performance, retail sales in the final quarter of the year still showed a slight gain on the previous quarter and were oearly 1 percent above the figure for the final quarter of 1991.

Insisting that the December sales figure

was not a "disaster," Keith Wade of Schroder Economics instead suggested that it showed "just the kind of patchy recovery we need."

With the trade balance deep in deficit and with import growth outstripping growth in economic output, the experts agree that the last thing Britain needs is a strong consumer-

led recovery that would suck in more imports. No such thing now appears in the offing. Economists point to low levels of consumer confidence and high levels of consumer debt braking the spending upturn. Alluding to the legacy of high interest rates and the longest cession since the war. Richard Conquest,

The good news is that a consumer boom right now would cause a deficit disaster.

chief economist for Daiwa Research Institute, predicted that "consumers will continue to lick their wounds and to rebuild their confidence for some time." He also noted that although interest rates had declined steeply in the last year, inflation bad fallen even faster, leaving borrowers to face real interest rates that have actually risen.

A further cut in Britain's base interest rate from its current 7 percent is now seen as inevitable, though not imminent. Speculation as to its timing centers on the unveiling of the government's budget in mid-March. With the lor of the Exchequer, Norman Lamont, will probably be forced to announce some tax increases to reassure the markets that the situation is under control. "I think that the chancellor may wish to sweeten the pill of a tax hike by cutting interest rates so it makes sense to hold on to his ammunition a bit longer," Mr. Fellner said.

Economists also stress that much of the impact from the dramatic loosening in mone-tary policy that followed Britain's exit from the European exchange-rate mechanism in September has vet to be seen. Many floatingrate mortgages, for instance, are adjusted annually in the first quarter of the year, thus the impact of the 3 percentage point reduc-tion in base rates since September has yet to be felt by a significant number of households. Similarly, the effect of the pound's devaluation on exports is only beginning to show up.

The consensus economic forecast of a 1 percentage point rise in Britain's economic output for 1993, a forecast that in December was lonking a bit conservative, now looks like it may prove optimistic. Economists say that the one certainty in their forecasts is that unemployment will keep rising.

The economy needs to grow at a 3 percent clip to generate a oet increase in jobs and most forecasters say that kind of growth is not in the cards for this year and most likely

percent for a British steel company

to 167.31 percent for a Brazilian

most recent year for which figures are available. But the decision is a

general indicator of next week's

likely results, because the compari-

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made a final ruling late Tuesday tariffs in other ways that made the

that certain steel-alloy bars from percentages especially high.

Has Room to Cut **But May Resist** By Brandon Mitchener International Herald Tribune FRANKFURT — The Bundes-

Bundesbank

bank could safely cut its Lombard lending rate without risking a surge in German inflation, analysts said Wednesday, but the central bank is unlikely to do so when its council

The central bank bas every technical reason to make the move, the analysts said. At 8.60 percent, overnight rates, the most important benchmark for international markets, are comfortably quartered in the low end of their permitted range, well below the 9.50 percent Lombard rate, which is intended to be an emergency borrowing facility.

Still, analysts said, the Bundesbank does oot yet believe condi-tions for a Lombard cut are right while political uncertainty still sur-rounds Chancellor Helmut Kohl's plans for a "solidarity pact" economic-recovery program. The Bundesbank still believes cutting rates now would send the wrong signal on inflation, the analysts say.

Mr. Kohl's proposals for publicspending cuts and higher taxes, part of the solidarity pact of mutual belt-tightening with labor and in-dustry, received a chilly response on Wednesday from the groups he has boped would back him, Reuters dies. The department assessed pre-liminary tariffs ranging from 25.82 reported.

Unions and the opposition Social Democratic party, or SPD, assailed Mr. Kohl for trying to cut spending too much and not raising taxes The United States imported only enough, while business leaders ac-\$89.8 million worth of the steel bars from the four countries in 1991, the

cused him of doing the reverse.

The SPD said the package would put an unacceptable burden on the poor and unemployed, and warned the party would block it in the upper house of the legislature. The German Federation of

prices was performed over roughly Chambers of Commerce, a leading the same period early last year as business organization, said the govthe much broader cases up for deciernment had made a brave attempt to cut spending on consumption The dollar was relatively weak but had been too timid in tackling early last year. So foreign prices subsidies to farmers and industry. were more likely, after conversion While Bundesbank officials have

all but promised lower rates soon. Pierre F. de Ravel d'Esclapon, a they are thought likely to take their New York lawyer who represents time deliveting them, analysts said. several European steelmakers hit with tariffs late Tuesday, com-

"The Bundesbank moves in agreement on seel trade, plained that the Commerce De-The Commerce Department partment had also calculated the small steps, not giant leaps," said Armin Kayser, a senior economist at Swiss Bank Corp. in Frankfurt, noting that the central bank's oft-

terest rates have yet to be met, despite signs of progress in the right direction.

Dieter Hiss, the president of the regional central bank for Berlin and Brandenburg states, agreed, saying the Bundesbank would want to make sure inflation had abated before easing up on the monetary brakes. "When we see that in the budget and fiscal policies and the wage talks, then the credit policy situation will be reconsidered by the central bank council," be told

Knight-Ridder Financial News. Helmut Schlesinger, president of the Bundesbank, his deputy Hans Tietmeyer and Otmar Issing, the central bank's chief economist. have made similar statements over the past week.

The first sign of union wage restraint might come Friday, wheo the powerful OeTV public-sector workers union is expected to an nounce its initial bargaining position in the 1993 wage rounds. Economists expect a call for a 3.0 percent to 3.5 percent increase in wages, which would be seen as n sign of restraint because it is below the current year-on-year inflatioo rise of 4.0 percent.

Meanwhile, the DAG union said it was demanding a 7 percent wage increase for Western Germany's construction workers in 1993. AFP-Extel News reported. The union is also demanding that East German construction workers receive equal pay to those in the west in 1993, as well as a 13th month's alary and other benefits.

Preliminary figures for January inflation, which will be exacerbated hy a rise in the value-added tax on Jan. 1, are expected to be reported later this week.

Economists surveyed in advance the Buodesbank meeting said Mr. Kohl's latest plan for spending cuts and tax increases would likely figure prominently in the Bundesbank's discussion.

But analysts are divided over thether the plan will get the Bundesbank's coveted endorsement or generate new complaints of fiscal recklessness. The Bundesbank can't ignore

the fact that the government is at least trying," said Ulrich Hombrecher, senior economist at West

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Has Tumor

HOUSTON - Michael Walsh, chairman of Tenneco Inc., said Wednesday he had been diagnosed with a "midgrade brain tumor" that was treatable and would not hinder his ability to run the diversified industrial company.

Tenneco

Chairman

Mr. Walsh. 50, who has been orchestrating Tenneco's S3 billion restructuring since taking over as chief executive in December 1991 and chairman in May 1992, said he would not resign.

Medical experts have told Mr. Walsh that the median survival rate for patients in his condition was five to six years.

He has been credited by analvsts with turning around the company's financial perfor-mance after a 1991 des of

Tenneco stock, which had risen S9 since Nov. 20, fell S2 close at \$40 on the New York Stock Exchange.

U.S. Presses Steel Trade Fight

pose broad steel import tariffs averaging up to 25 percent next week. U.S. steel industry officials and trade analysts said Wednesday, after the department imposed tariffs of up to 167 percent on a narrow category of steel imports late Tuesday. A dozen American steelmakers

have sought steep tariffs on \$2.5 billion-worth of annual steel imports from 19 countries. The American industry claims that foreign rivals are violating U.S. anti-dumping law by routinely charging less for steel in the United States than in their home markets. The dispute involves flat-rolled steel used in used in construction.

Federal law requires the Commerce Department to reach a preliminary decision by midnight next Tuesday, setting temporary taxes that may be paid in tash or by posting a substantial bond until a final decision is reached this spring. The Clinton team could then raise. lower or cancel the tariffs, confirm them or replace them with annua tonnage limits on imports.

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Nations in Western Europe, East

Asia and Latin America have al-

ready protested the Commerce De-

partment's investigation of their steel pricing and subsidy policies,

and are sure to complain harder

ment imposed anti-subsidy tariffs

averaging 12.5 percent on steel

from a dozen countries on Nov. 30,

the European Community accused

the American industry of harass-

ment, "unduly blaming import im-

ports for what are primarily domes-

Mickey Kantor, the U.S. trade

representative-designate, told the

Senate Finance Committee at his

confirmation hearing this week that the imposition of tariffs next

week would likely trigger a flurry of efforts to equelate an international

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tion of his senior aides.

By Keith Bradsher New York Times Service

WASHINGTON — The Com-merce Department is likely to im-

auto body panels and plate steel

Career civil servants will have to

Nike Sets TV Venture With Talent Agency

LOS ANGELES — Nike case two baskelball stars with Arusts Agency, Hollywood's chael Jordan, who makes ads most aggressive talent company, have embarked on what The venture, announced some analysts call a risky ven-ture to create a multimiliondollar global sports entertain-

Plans call for the companies to produce a series of sporting events starring top athletes in live or made-for-TV specials. The programs will air around the world, taking advantage of emerging technologies such as satellite broadcasting and channel expansion.

The two companies declined to provide specific details of the agreement, except to say that they planned to announce their first event this spring. Sources close to the talks said Nike and CAA foresaw great opportuni-ties in the expanding world of television, in which cable companies, broadcast networks and telecommunications firms are all participants.

Inc., the world's biggest athlet-ic-shoe maker, and Creative Johnson, a CAA client, and Mi-

Tuesday, brings together two of the country's most growth-minded companies. Nike, with more than \$3.4 billion in revenue last year, has already revolutionized the sportswear business. It is now aggressively moving into licensing products and managing athletes.
CAA, which represents ce-

lebrities as diverse as Kevin Costner, Michael Jackson and Magic Johnson, has branched into everything from advertis-

ing to consulting on new tech-nologies.

The companies also share another trait. They are run by two of the business world's most innovative but secretive executives. Nike's founder and chair-man, Philip H. Knight, and CAA's chairman, Michael S. Ovitz, function almost exclusively behind the scenes.

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NEW YORK - Questions about earnings at blue-chip companies are raising doubts about the stock market, where the over-thecounter issues have been providing most of the gams in recent sessions. On Wednesday, the Dow Jones industrial average fell 14.04 points,

N.Y. Stocks

to 3,241.95 but the Nasdaq index rose 0.63 point, to 697.44, just below its record 698.13 set Monday.

Most of the stock indexes were lower on the New York Stock Exchange, but the American Stock Exchange index rose 1.37, to 405.21.

The divergence between the

Dow and Nasdaq means the stock market is losing its strength," said Ricky Harrington, director of in-vestment policy at Marion Bass Se-curities Corp. "Investors would be

wise to start selling stocks."

Stan Weinstein, who publishes
The Professional Tape Reader in Hollywood, Florida, said the market was terribly fractured as many blue-chip issues had remained under considerable selling pressure while some secondary stocks had been pushed higher by mutual funds and speculators.

Mr. Weinstein said some bullish technology issues had been "exerting a disproportionate upside influence" on the secondary-stock averages, "while a long list of other OTC issues are lagging."

Another warning is in recent

data that suggest pensioo funds are beginning to run out of cash. That is the reason why various sectors have been showing gains for one or

tutions are forced to sell their lagging issues to raise cash to buy the hot stocks of the moment." An earnings report by General Electric on Wednesday, along with program selling and falling bond prices, hit the Dow industrials late in the day. GE said its earnings were \$4.7 billion last year, a rise of 8 percent from 1991, but below

market expectations. Its stock fell 1% to 82%. Shares of telephone, bank, retail, and automobile manufacturers were down the most, according to Standard & Poor's Corp.

The 30-year Treasury bood fell 12/32, to 103 17/32, raising its yield to 7.33 percent from 7.30. Tucson Electric Power was the most-active New York Stock Exchange issue, easing % to 3% after a rating downgrade from Kemper Securities Group based on the stock's recent appreciation. The company restructured itself in December. Citicorp followed, adding 11/2 to

26. Its stock rose Tuesday after

reporting improved fourth-quarter earnings.
Unisys was third, gaining % to 12½ after reporting fourth-quarter earnings of 66 cents a share, up from 31 cents a year ago. The company said it expected further gains in this year. Unisys, the product of merger

between the former Burroughs Corp. and Sperry Corp., has had success in selling its mainframe computers, a sector that has not done well overall. But it has a large customer base in finance, airline and government.

(Bloomberg, UPI, Knight-Ridder,

Views on German Rates Strengthen the Mark

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches NEW YORK — The dollar fell . Wednesday and the mark strengthened as investors took the view that the Bundesbank was unlikely to cut interest rates Thursday, dealers said. The dollar fell through 1.6020 Deutsche marks, where it had some

Foreign Exchange

technical support, closing the day at 1.6009 DM, down more than a pfennig from 1.6128 on Tuesday. There was also talk the Bundes-

bank was buying up its currency.
The dollar fell amid talk of continued German central bank mark purchasing, ostensibly to rebuild its reserves," said Marc Chandler, senior strategist at IDEA.
The U.S. currency slid to 124.650
yen from 125.455, to 1.4673 Swiss

francs from 1.4735 francs and to 5.4190 French francs from 5.4485 francs. The pound, also soft because of weak British retail-sales data.

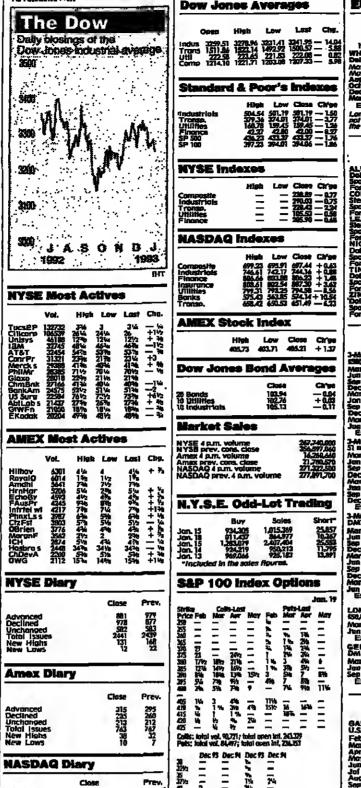
David Greenberg, a dealer at Banque Paribas, said the market did oot react to Presideot Bill Clin-Ion's inaugural address. But he said there was oervousness among dollar investors that the Bundesbank may not cut German joterest rates when its policy-making council meets Thursday.

Morris Armstrong, foreign-ex-change manager at GiroCredit Bank, agreed a German rate cut was unlikely now. He said this could add to the short-term bearishness on the dollar as the market was speculating Mr. Clinton might press the Federa Reserve Board to cut U.S. rates.

"The overall climate is one of dollar selling pressure. The dollar will have a hard time getting over 1.61 marks," said John Lyman, senior customer dealer at Bank of Tokyo. But Earl Johnson, vice president at Harris Trust & Savings Bank.

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said, 'The Bundesbank will cut



Judge Clears Schwinn Sale

The Associated Press CHICAGO — A federal bankruptcy judge gave final approval for the \$60 million sale of Schwinn Bicycle Co. to a company held by Sam Zell, a specialist in takeovers.

Schwinn, its lenders and official creditors had asked the judge to decide whether the purchase from the Zell-Chillmark Fund would be accepted. The fund had previously made an unsolicited \$40 million offer, which

Edward Schwing, Schwing's president and chief executive, later accepted the Zell offer after the fund offered to eliminate \$20 million of

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LTV Offers Recovery Plan

DALLAS (Bloomberg) — LTV Corp., in its third attempt to emerge from bankruptcy proceedings since filing for Chapter 11 in July 1986, inveiled on Wednesday a plan that would resolve claims totaling \$9 billion, including \$3 billion in pension-related obligations.

Uoder the plan, LTV would pay secured and priority creditors in full, in cash. It would issue new common stock to general unsecured creditors and warrants to existing common and preferred shareholders.

If the plan is approved by shareholders, LTV said it would emerge from bankruptcy as the third-largest U.S. steel company and as one of the largest North American suppliers of products and equipment to the oil and natural-gas industry.

and natural-gas industry.

LTV said a key provision of the reorganization was a \$200 million investment by Sumitomo Metal Industries Ltd.

A Battered AMR Is Wary for 1993

DALLAS (Combined Dispatches) — AMR Corp. announced Wednesday dismal results for 1992, largely because of a weak U.S. economy and the fare wars that battered its American Airlines unit, and its chairman

offered a gloomy assessment for 1993.

"Although the economy has recently shown some signs of strength, we think much of the recent optimism is unwarranted," said Robert L. Crandall, the chairman.

In the fourth quarter, AMR had a loss of \$200 million, compared with a

\$125 million loss in the last three months of 1991. Revenue rose 5.3 percent, to \$3.58 billion. Part of the loss was attributable to charges of \$56 million for severance packages for more than 500 managers who lost their jobs in November and a settlement with the bankrupt Metro Airlines Inc. obs in November and a settlement with the caute of the set of \$935 million from For the year, AMR saw its loss almost quadruple, to \$935 million from (Bloomberg, AP, Reuters, UPI) \$240 million for 1991.

GE's Earnings Growth Is Mixed

FAIRFIELD, Connecticut (Bloomberg) — General Electric Corp. said Wednesday that its fourth-quarter profit advanced 6 percent to \$1.34 billion, and that earnings in the company's financial-services, turbines and medical-electronics divisions showed double-digit growth in 1992. Fourth-quarter sales rose to \$17.8 billion from \$17.6 billion a year ago. For the full year, GE said its profit rose 7 percent to \$4.73 billion. But operating profits were lower in GE's appliances and aircraft-engines divisions as well as in its plastics and other materials units. Operating profit in the broadcasting unit also declined as the NBC television oetwork lost money covering the Summer Olympics.

GE said its financial-services division had the best growth in 1992, earning \$1.5 billion, up from \$1.28 billion in 1991.

Electronics Sag at Westinghouse

PITTSBURGH (Bloomberg) - Westinghouse Electric Corp. said Wednesday that fourth-quarter profit from continuing operations declined 34 percent to \$91 million as revenue from the company's electronics-systems division dropped.

The first quarter of 1993 isn't showing much improvement, Chairman

The company said it lost \$1.18 billion in the fourth quarter, including a \$1.28 billion charge to exit its money-losing financial services business. Westinghouse earned \$171 million a year earlier. Fourth-quarter operating revenue declined to \$2.35 billion from \$2.36 billion.

Northwest-KLM Links Are Detailed

EAGAN, Minnesota (Combined Dispatches) — Northwest Airlines and KLM Royal Dutch Airlines on Wednesday announced some of the ways they would share services,

The most visible evidence of the change will be a joint corporate insignia combining the KLM and Northwest logos encircled by the words "Worldwide Reliability." KLM owns 49 percent of Northwest."

Highlights of the deal for travelers will include coordinated free travel programs, so that frequent-flier miles can be used on either airline, and more flights on some routes.

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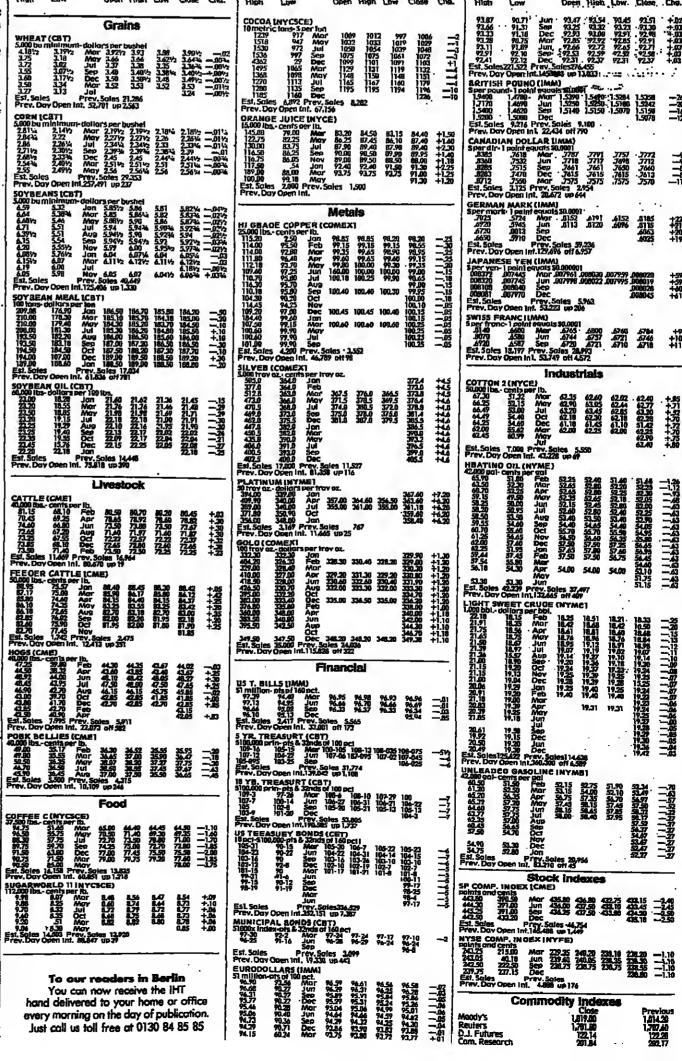
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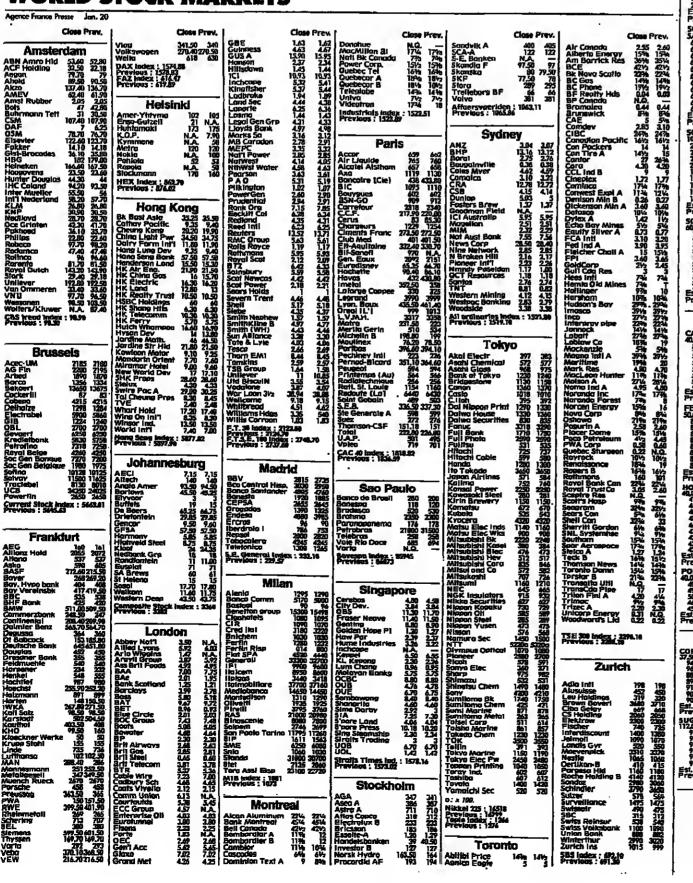
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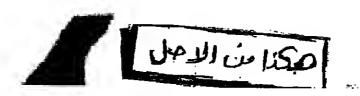
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Wasserstein Lands A Big French Fish

PARIS - Wasserstein Perella & Co., which became synonymous with U.S. mergers during the booming 1980s, has broken into French finance with a flourish.

The U.S. investment bank relied on a former top executive in French industry and connections from executives' days at First Boston Inc. to become advisers in one of France's most high-profile mergers. The bank advised the management of Yves Saint Laurent Groupe SCA, which announced Tuesday it would be acquired by Elf Sanofi in a share swap worth about 3.6 billion French francs (\$645 million).

Lazard Freres acted for Elf Sanofi. "For our image this operation is extremely important," said Jean-Pierre Halbron, Wasserstein Perella's managing director in Paris. "It proves we could put our imagination and cross-border experience to

Fif Sanoff's image did not seem to have been improved in the eyes of investors, however. After analysis suggested the price was a rich one for a luxury company whose business is pressured by recession. Eff Sanofi's stock fell 10.8 percent Wednesday to 970 francs a share. YSL's stock soared 21 percent to 763 francs a share. Before Elf Sanoff's drop, YSL shares were valued at 870 francs a share based upon the share swap of four Elf Sanofi shares for five YSL shares.

The links between YSL and Wasserstein Perella date back to 1986, when YSL bought back its perfume and cosmetics operations from Squibb Corp., Mr. Halbron said. At the time, First Boston advised YSL, and several First Boston executives involved later moved to Wasserstein Perella when the company was formed in 1988. The connections were reinvigorated last year.

Mr. Halbron's own connections in the French corporate world helped. He joined Wasserstein a year ago after serving as chief financial officer of Total SA. Before that he was chief financial officer at Rhône-Poulenc.

At Rhône-Poulenc he had contact with Loik Le Floch-Prigent, the chairman of Elf Aquitaine, the state-controlled oil company that owns 61 percent of Elf Sanofi.

Until Mr. Halbron's arrival, Wasserstein Perella had junior executives using the Paris office on trips from the United States. The Paris office advised French clients on small leveraged buyouts and acquisitions, Mr. Halbron said. Wasserstein Perella's previous large deal involving a French company was handled out of the United States: That was Pechiney's 1988 acquisition of American National Can.

RATES: Bundesbank Cautious

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LB in Düsseldorf, noting that many of the spending and subsidy cuts planned are politically un-

On the other hand, plans to increase deficit spending by 10 bil-lion Deutsche marks (\$6.2 billion). to 53 billion DM, are sure to raise eyehrows in the council. The Bundesbank for more than a year has said the government should curtail its borrowing.

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"It's hard to imagine the Bundesbank will see this program as meet-ing its criteria," Mr. Kayser said,

Economists say the higher borrowing is defensible insofar as it reflects the weakness of the German economy, which will reduce .tax revenues, and not simply a spendthrift government. "It would be wrong to cut spending more in use that option, he said.

the middle of a recession. That would only make things worse," Mr. Hombrecher said.

Most economists expect the Bundesbank will wait until the end of February or beginning of March to cut the Lombard. At its last meeting Jan. 7, the Bundesbank resisted pressure to cut the Lombard and instead trimmed the rate on its main money market tool, the repurchase or repo rate, to 8.6 percent from 8.75 percent.

Theoretically, the Bundesbank could cut the repo rate again, because it is above the 8.25 percent discount rate, which dictates a lower limit on market rates.

"A repo cut would have a bigger fallout than a Lombard cut," Mr. Kayser said. But the exchange-rate tension that inspired the last reporate cut has since subsided, making it unlikely the Bundesbank would

Investors Gobble Up **Offering**

Of Rhône

PARIS - There is solid demand for the French government's offer of an approximately 14 percent stake in Rhône-Poulenc SA because of a realistic price and a favorable outlook for the stock, deal-

ers and analysis said Wednesday.
"Our share of the offer is fully subscribed, and we understand the situation is the same elsewhere." said a dealer at a brokerage house participating in placing the French part of the offering of shares in the drugs and chemicals company. Demand for the U.S. and inter-

national sections was also seen as adequate, dealers said.

The government is selling 6 million shares in Rhone-Poulenc at 500 francs (\$91.45) each. The offer opened Tuesday and closed Thursday. The sale will cut the govern-ment stake in Rhône-Poulenc to about 43 percent from 57 percent,

The price is reasonable, neither too expensive nor too cheap," said Jean-Paul Pierret, head of research

at J.P. Morgan France. The slight discount offered on the market price of Rhone-Poulenc investment certificates - which was 50g francs before the government's pricing of the issue -- is enough of an incentive to subscribe, dealers said.

But analysis added that Rhône-Poulenc, regarded as a cyclical stock, was currently near the bottom of the cycle and its shares could recover strongly in 1993.

"Rhône-Poulenc will have everything going for it this year." said Frederic Bomhrun, a dealer at CSFB France. The company is well placed to benefit from an expected strengthening of the dollar, lower interest rates and a generalized recovery of cyclical stocks, he said.

But another dealer said there was risk in large exposure to the stock, "The fundamentals of that stock are diabolical," he said. "For example, exchanging investment certificates for ordinary shares means you lose the preference dividend - which in this day and age is risky.

He added that winning voting rights was only a limited compensation given that the government retains control of Rhone-Poulenc. "Also, margins in the chemical sector are declining," he added.
The Rhone-Poulenc investment

certificates rose 3 francs, to close at 510 francs, on the Bourse on Wednesday.

Russia Acts to Stem Inflation Reformers Prepared to Override Parliament

Bols and Wessanen Talk of Merger

Air France Aims to Break Even in 1994

billion francs in 1992. It raised that

estimate two weeks ago, saying the

called for a rise in capacity of about

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The company said it did not forecast any rise in unit receipts

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Air France said its 1993 budget

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Air France said its 1993 budget

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MOSCOW - The Russian government announced bold steps Wednesday to fight soaring inflation that threatened to reach a rate of 50 percent for the month

"We are deeply convinced that inflation today is the No. 1 problem," Deputy Prime Minister Anatoli B. Chubais said at a news conference on the govern ment's economic and financial policy for 1993.

Mr. Chubais said inflation was rising at a weekly

rate of 10 percent during January and that the country's economy would be pushed into a state of hyperinflation by the middle of 1993 unless corrective measures were taken.

Deputy Prime Minister Boris Fyodorov, Russia's chief economic policy maker, announced restrictions on public spending aimed at bringing inflation below a rate of 5 percent per month by the end of the year and reducing the budget deficit to 5 percent of gross national product. He said the government would move to finance

Russia's ballooning deficit by issuing securities and would eliminate preferential credits granted to state enterprises. He also warned money-losing enterprises that they

would be forced to respect strict financial discipline and vowed to sack factory directors or sell off their property if they failed to pay their bills. The measures were in line with the strict monetary

policy pursued by the former acting prime minister, Yegor T. Gaidar, and pointed to the important role played by young reformists such as Mr. Chubais and

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and vintner, and Wessanen NV, a food processor and

distributor, said Wednesday they were discussing a

stock-swap merger, joining the ranks of Dutch compa-

nies seeking to amalgamate to better compete in the

The companies said they began discussing a merger

last year and made their announcement Wednesday because some investors had knowledge of the plans last

week. The Amsterdam Stock Exchange said it was investigating possible insider trading, but dealers said

The companies did not provide details of their plans

Ranked by sales, Wessanen is the larger of the two

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Wednesday estimated its 1992 loss

at 3.2 billion francs (\$585 million).

in line with an earlier forecast, but

said it hoped to halve the shortfall

this year and to break even in 1994

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AMSTERDAM - Erven Lucas Bols NV, a distiller

Mr. Fyodorov in the government of Prime Minister Viktor S. Chernomyrdin.

Mr. Fyodorov said at a new conference that there had been a heated discussion of financial policy at a Wednesday cabinet meeting but that the meeting ended with broad approval for the ambitious

Mr. Chubais, speaking at the same news conference, said loose monetary policies in the second half of 1992 bad threatened to unleash hyperinflation. "Because of a series of compromises, additional money was pumped into the economy and this resulted in inflation of 25 percent by December," he said, referring to the monthly rate. He warned that the rate would reach 50 percent "if this continues" and called this a "critical

"Once we cross that threshold we will have hyperinflation and capital flight," he said.

Mr. Fyodorov suggested that he was prepared to override opposition to the program from the conservalive-dominated parliament by introducing some measures by presidential decree. Parliament has already jeopardized budget targets by approving higher penons and more low-interest state credits.

"In some instances, we intend to submit proposals to parliament, and in other instances they will be introduced by presidential decree," he said.

Mr. Chubais was optimistic about privatization, which brought in more than twice as much revenue as anticipated in 1992. He said more than 90 percent of Russia's 150 million people had received privatization

companies, with 1991 revenue of 3.88 billion guilders (\$2.15 billion) but profit that year of 105.4 million

guilders, about the same as the 105.6 million at Bols.

Bols stock rose 4.20 guilders, to 47, on Wednesday,

Both companies have strong brands. Bols's stable includes its own-label liquors, Dry Sack Sherry, Ricca-

donna aperitifs and a range of mineral waters. Wessan-

en's products include Leerdammer cheese and in the

United States, Kemps desserts and After the Fall juices.

Several Dutch companies have recently announced

merger plans aimed at achieving economies of scale, In

the last four months, two of the Netherlands' largest

merchant banks have said they were holding merger

talks, as have the country's three leading paper and packaging companies. (Bloomberg, AP, Reuters)

Air France said the planned 1993

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France holds a 37.5 percent stake,

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Very briefly:

Spain will sell 5 percent to 10 percent of its 54.5 percent stake in Repsol SA to the public and might privatize 25 percent of Argentaria Corporacion Bancaria de España, sources said.

 Fuerzas Electricas de Cataluna SA and Iberdrola SA, electric utilities, are negotiating to acquire Javier de la Rosa's 80 percent stake in Grand Peninsula SA, which is developing the Tibigardens amusement park, local press reports said, adding Mr. de la Rosa was having problems with financing because of fraud charges by the Kuwait Investment Office.

· Airbus Industrie's supervisory board will meet Friday to decide whether to try to work with Boeing Co. on a feasibility study for an airliner with 600 to 800 seats, an industry source said.

• Grundig AG expects a loss of 200 million Deutsche marks (\$123.6 million) in the year that ends March 31, compared with a 19 million DM loss the previous year, as sales fall 10 percent, to 3.8 billion DM.

• SMH AG, the maker of Swatch watches, said it had found "a European partner" to replace Volkswagen AG in its venture to build an environmentally friendly small car; Renault SA said it was not the partner, which was not identified.

• Lyonnaise des Eaux-Dumez said net profit fell to between 350 million and 400 million francs (\$64.0 million and \$73.2 million) in 1992, from 1,17 billion francs in 1991; the company plans to make large provisions against impaired property values in its 1992 accounts. • Turner Broadcasting System Inc.'s unit CNNI will participate in a new

Nordic satellite service being lannched this spring that aims to provide 15 channels by end-1994; its Cable News Network would be the system's only news service.

· Unidanmark A/S said it was to reduce its international financing of ships, ship containers and aircraft as part of its new strategy to focus on banking activities in Denmark.

· Ladbroke Racing Corp., a U.S. subsidiary of Ladbroke Group PLC, plans to open at least 70 off-track betting facilities in Argentina over the next five years.

Peninsular & Oriental Steam Navigation Co. placed a \$300 million order for a cruise liner with the Fincantieri Cantieri shipyard of Italy. · Greece and Russia agreed to resume construction of an aluminum plant

northwest of Athens, a project that had been suspended after the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991. 4FX, 4FP Reuters, Bloomberg,

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BM: Messengers of Bad News About the Computer Giant Reap Rewards

(Continued from first finance page) failure of IBM's top management. both critics argue, was that it could not see the need to change its orga-nization and focus, so lulled was it by its lucrative mainframe busi-

Mr. Ferguson presents the more vivid case. He harshly criticizes John F. Akers, the chairman, and Jack D. Kuehler, president.

A former software analyst for IBM. Mr. Ferguson acknowledges that until about 1989 he was a defender of IBM. "I couldn't bring myself to believe that a small number of people — a hundred or so — could have let this franchise slip away so quickly." he said.

The letter Mr. Ferguson and Mr. It began in 1981 when IBM se-Morris wrote to the IBM board is lected outsiders. Intel Corp. and

the culture of the company gradually became dominated by a blend of caution and arrogance, with inouse innovations too often held back from the marketplace for fear of undermining the mainframe

The main reason for the company's plight today, Mr. Ferguson explained recently, was a long series of bad management decisions, especially in giving away chances to control the personal-computer in-

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filled with phrases like "grossly mismanaged" and "sheer managerial incompetence."

The Ferguson book is more temperate in tone. Its contention is that the culture of the content of the culture of the cult tive chip technologies, developed in-bouse, that promised indepen-dence from Intel and Microsoft. Mr. Ferguson firmly believes the shift away from big computers, IBM's mainframes and minicom-

uters, will accelerate. When software, peripherals and related sales are included, Mr. Fer-guson estimates that 60 percent of

For his part, Mr. Stahlman con-centrates less on technology and more on the inability of IBM's management to adjust to the changed structure of the computer industry. In Mr. Stahlman's view, there is not one computer industry, but several, and IBM mistakenly tried to impose the mainframe model cookie-cutter-style on a business like personal computers, which has a different pace, funo

tion and culture.

Mr. Stahlman's prescription for IBM is to split it up into separate companies fast, with independent managements and sales forces for

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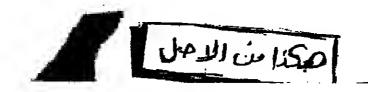
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Sound Bytes From Singapore 'Sound Blaster' Sets Tone for the Industry

By Charles P. Wallace Los Angeles Times Service

SINGAPORE — Seated in his office in a drab industrial park, Sim Wong Hoo bridles at the notion that innovations in the world of compoters are invariably born in the United States.

The founder of Creative Technology Ltd. is the mastermind behind Sound Blaster, a widely imitated hardware-software package that allows computers to play high-fidelity music, imitate the sound of a glass shattering or synthesize the human

The product has become an essential ingredient to legions of computer nerds who thrive on authentic sound effects in computer games, for which the Sound Blaster has become an industry standard. Mr. Sim has sold more than 2 million Sound Blaster boards at \$99 each.

Creative Technology was listed on the Nasdaq stock exchange in the United States only last August, but the stock has already leapt from an initial offering price of \$12 to more than \$18 a share. Mr. Sim and his two partners have become millionaires many times over, and Creative is now one of Singapore's largest listed companies.

"It wasn't luck, it was hard work," said Mr. Sim. 37, who founded the company on a hudget of only \$10,000 in 1981.

Though Sound Blaster now has 40 competitors, Mr. Sim reckoned he could beat the odds hy coming up with innovative designs and by manufacturing in Singapore, where costs are still rela-

Mr. Sim's first product was a soundboard for an early Apple computer that enabled the machine to speak Chinese. Next came the Cubic 99, an 1BM clone that featured a number of technical innovations, among them a soundboard capable of speech or playing music which was called the Talking Computer.

"It was so complex, the sales pitch was two hours long," said Mr. Sim. "In addition, we had to write complicated software and then give it away."

After another failed attempt to produce a computer, Mr. Sim and his colleagues designed a simple sound device from their basic computer design and introduced it in the United States as Game Blaster. When attached to a computer, it enabled users to play music on a computer keyboard.

An American company. Adlib, was already in the soundboard business when Mr. Sim designed his device, but he flew to the United States and moved into a San Francisco townhouse, which he used as his base of operations. By cajolery and persistence, Mr. Sim convinced designers of game software to write compatible programs.

We were always the stepson, always catching "Mr. Sim said. But the persistence paid off. He added back the speech synthesizer and called the product Sound Blaster.

Sound Blaster had everything the market wanted," Mr. Sim said. "It became an instant hit, All

the major software supported it." Within six months. Creative Technology was shipping 10,000 add-on boards a month and the industry leader Adlib filed for protection from its creditors.

"Our charter is to take high-end products to the mass market, to take those \$2,000 items and make them widely available for \$200," Mr. Sim said,

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Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches HONG KONG — France's state-controlled Elf Aquitaine oil compa-ny is to help build a \$1.4 billion refinery in Shanghai, a pro-Beijing newspaper reported here Wednesoffshore bases to safeguard them from union intimidation. day, despite the dispute over French

fighter jet sales to Taiwan. Ta Kung Pao said that Shanghai Shennan Shareholding Co. would join Societe Nationale Elf Aquiraine in the investment in the Pudong development zone.

The newspaper said the joint venture had been approved by China's State Council and was disclosed at Shennan's first shareholders' meeting Tuesday.

The French company previously had announced that a relining venture in Pudong was under study. But an Elf spokesman reached in Paris was unable to confirm any of the details in Wednesday's report. Last month. Beijing ordered France to close its Guangdong consulare because of the decision to sell 60 Mirage fighters to Taiwan.

(AP, AFP)

Total, Sumitomo In Vietnam Project

HANOI - Vietnam has given the final share in a production deal at the Dai Hung offshore field to France's Total SA and Japan's Sumitomo Corp., the head of the state oil company told Voice of America.

Broken Hill Pty. announced last month PetroVictnam was granting it 43.75 percent of the project, BHP said its partner, Petronas of Malaysia, would have 20 percent: Vietsov-Petro, a joint venture of Russia and PetroVietnam, 15 percent, and an unidentified group 21.25 percent.

job action at its busiest time of year, Cathay Pacific Airways Ltd. tried to divide its striking flight attendants Tuesday by threatening to fire some and offering others

The union denied it was preventing workers from returning to their jobs and said it had support from about 90 percent of its 4,000 members for the strike. Cathay disputed that figure and said most of the flight attendants wanted to work but had been prevented from doing

so by intimidation. Although Cathay and the union agreed to reopen talks, Rod Eddington, the airline's managing di-rector, said he was prepared to fire some strikers if he considered it necessary to protect the attendants

who had not joined the stoppage. He said "quite a few" of the flight attendants "have said they're extremely worried by picketing, particplarly picketing at their nomes." He added, "They're keen to operate and fly for us but they don't really want to run the gauntlet on a regular basis

here in Hong Kong." The company has set up offshore bases in Manila, Bangkok, Singapore, Tokyo, Osaka and Taipei so flight attendants who live in Hong Kong can operate out of these cities

credit-research agency reported Wednesday.

level of investment and a lack of consumer confidence.

Japan Bankruptcies Up 32%

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TOKYO - Japanese business failures hit a six-year high last year, a

Corporate bankruptcies rose by one-third in 1992, jumping from

10.723 cases in 1991 to 14,167 cases, the highest total since 1986, Teikoku

Data Bank Ltd. reported. The agency cited swollen inventories, a low

the liabilities of companies whose transactions with banks were suspend-

ed climbed 2.9 percent to a record 4.32 trillion yen (\$34,4 billion).

The Federation of Bankers' Associations of Japan also announced that

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HONG KONG — Faced with a and living allowances paid. Hundreds of thousands of resi-

dents traditionally leave Hong Kong for China and other destinations over Lunar New Year, which begins Friday. Aviation analysts have said Cathay may find it hard to organize charters as other airlines will need

all their planes to cope with the rush. The strike, which began last Wednesday, has hit Cathay and its passengers hard. Cathay has had to cancel or delay nearly all flights while absorbing losses of up to 15 million Hong Kong dollars (\$1.94 million) a day.

The union called the strike in a dispute over staffing levels and the firing of three flight attendants in December for refusing to shift from their normal jobs to other work.

Flight attendants say Cathay should hire 300 or 400 more cabin crew personnel instead of continuing to shuffle workers into higheror lower-status jobs to substitute for those on leave.

Cathay, which has been one of the few successful airlines in a depressed industry, says the policy is common to most carriers.

The attendants also want a 3 percent raise plus a cost-of-living increase. Cathay has offered a total

increase of 8.5 percent to 14 percent. Inflation is about 10 percent (Bloomberg, Reuters, AFP, AP)

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Very briefly:

• IBM Japan Ltd. and Canon Inc. will begin selling a notebook PC with a built-in printer, part of IBM's ThinkPad range; they said it would be a boon in cramped Japanese offices.

• Japan Airlines Co. has begun layoffs in its European, Middle East and African offices to reduce its 590-strong locally hired work force by 10 percent; JAL will also cut 12 percent of its 920 local U.S. workers.

• Peugeot Japon Co. said it would reduce Japanese retail prices on various versions of its 205 compact car by between 9.3 percent and 10.8 percent. Shogakukan Inc., a Japanese publisher, has acquired the Japanese rights to comic-book characters such as Spiderman, Captain America and the Incredible Hulk, created by Marvel Entertainment Group Inc.

• MIM Holdings Ltd., an Australian mining company, said pretax profit in the six months ended Dec. 13 nearly tripled from a year earlier to 97.2 million dollars (\$65.3 million), but that second-quarter operating results were "subdued" hy lower copper, lead, silver and zinc prices.

· Westpac Banking Corp. declined to comment on news reports that it would appoint as chief executive Richard Joss, vice-chairman of Wells Fargo Bank, replacing Frank Conroy, who resigned last month.

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Japanese Sales Drop at Toyota and Nissan

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches TOKYO - Toyota Motor Corp, and Nissan Motor

Co., Japan's leading automakers, posted Wednesday their second straight year of domestic sales and production declines.

Together, the two companies account for roughly half of Japan's vehicle output and domestie sales.

Toyota said domestic vehicle sales slid 5.4 percent in 1992, to 2.2 million units, while the company's production fell 3.8 percent, to 3.9 million. Nissan's sales dropped 10.8 percent from the previous year to

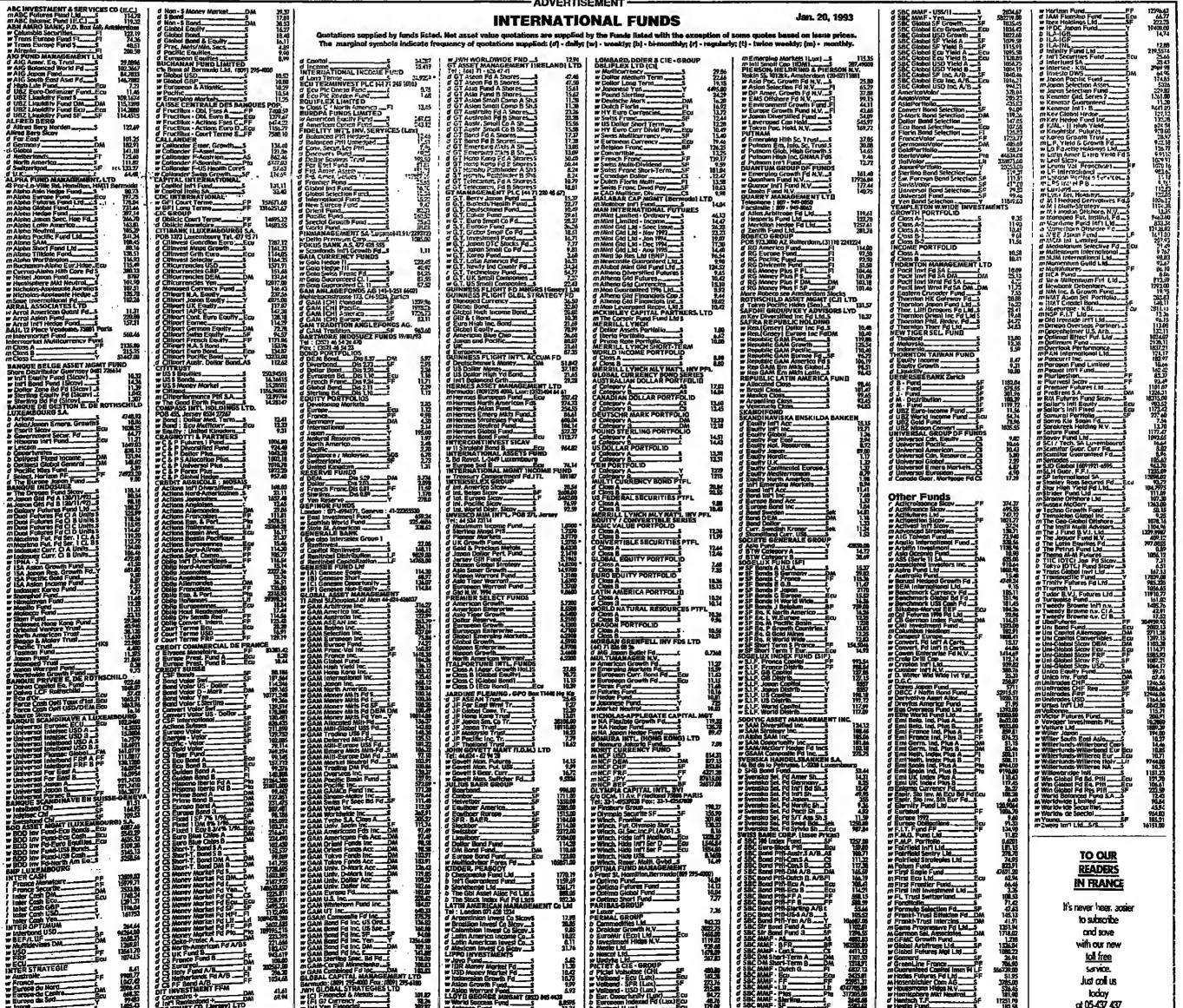
1.2 million units. Like Toyota, Nissan posted its worst sales record since 1988. Output at Nissan's factories

fell 9.1 percent on the year, to 2.1 million. Both Toyota and Nissan recorded gains in production at their overseas, or transplant, factories. Toyota's overseas production rose 14.1 percent to 764,292 units and Nissan's rose 15 percent to 863,920.

Meanwhile, Mazda Motor Corp, said it had cut its forecast of parent pretax profit for the year to March 31 to 6 billion yen (\$47.8 million), from its earlier estimate of 7 hillion ven. (AFX, Bloomberg, Reuters)

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Racism: In and Beyond the Stadiums

The Italians Blow Hot and Cold On an Elusive Issue's Relevance

By Anthony C. Holinko

Special to the Herald Tribune MILAN - It was a cold day in December, one of those Sunday afternoons that makes the inhabitants of Milan's suburbs, particularly the young, migrate to Meazza Stadium in the city's San Siro quarter — to where, as one local journalist described it, "the only country they can understand

"No to Racism!" read the banner, held by AC Milan players, that stretched half-way across the stadium. It was a display of solidarity to be found in stadiums all over Italy that day, a climactic finale to the show of anti-racism that had been gathering in crescendo.

For a couple of weeks it had seemed that half of the country had joined the march against the beast of intolerance, firmly con-vinced to stamp it out once and for all.

Like the fog in the air in northern Italy, this gust of anti-racism has had all it can to do to keep from evaporating.

Stories about neo-Nazi skinheads, stadium violence, attacks on immigrants, violence in Germany and the plight of beleaguered blacks were to be found in every issue of

In Rome, the justice minister, Claudio Martelli, and the interior minister. Nicola Mancino, were working overtime on a proposed law that would sharply increase penalties for racially motivated acts of terror, and would make crimes of violence based on haired punishable by one to seven years in jall. They also spoke of special surveil-lance forces and house arrests, of five-year bans from studiums for people committing acts of violence at soccer matches. If the violence escalated, they said, the proposed

law would be imposed by decree, rather than with the ratification of parliament. Yet like the fog that freezes in the air at this time of year in northern Italy, this gust of anti-racism has had all it can to do to

keep from evaporating.

The following week, the word racism and the word Nazi — and any references to them - were hard to find. As Christmas drew near, the newspapers were full of stories about holiday shopping and lines at the airport. The more serious articles concerned themselves with the weekly assassi-nations around Palermo or Naples. That draconian new law is still in parlia-

As for the "anti-racism Sunday": Faustino Asprilla, a Colombian who plays for Parma, and Oliveira, a Brazilian playing for Cagilari, had both been booed d insults shouted at them, But, according to some journalists, only because they were blacks playing for the opposing

In Bargamo, at the Atalanta-Brescia match, a mere seven persons had been injured, including two policemen. In Venice, a referee had been attacked as

he walked through an underpass. In Perugia, rocks had been thrown at the

opposing team's bus. In Florence, Juventus fans went about it more like commandos. Disguising themselves as lans of the home team, they infiltrated their rivals' ranks before provoking

On the day before the Rome-Lazio match, the carabinieri, Italy's military pohee, had found a cache that included banners with offensive slogans, Nazi swasti-kas, iron pipes, elubs and chains.

In Pescara, 131 small incendiary bombs were found, along with 10 clubs, 20 chains and a box of 100 cherry bombs. Yet that Sunday was termed more or less

quiet by the Italian press.

"My little experience shows something very simple, that the battle against racism is many against a few," said Aron Winter, a black from the Netherlands who was the subject of racist slurs when he joined the Lazio club last year, "If they decide to take the field, the racist few will be swept away. There won't be a battle."

Yet three years before, in July 1989, Ronnie Rosenthal, the first Israeli soccer player to be signed by an Italian team, reportedly had his contract with Udinese annulled because of a hate campaign

mounted by anti-Semitie fans.

And riding the subway in Milano, one sees scrawled on a billboard: "Damned Jew Bastards.

A flag with the Star Of David is burned in Rome's Olympic Stadium. The grand-daughter of Alessandra Mussolini defends

One wonders. The recent history of Italy that high school students get in the books issued in state schools stops with World War L" said Jacob Benatoff, a leader of Milan's Jewish community. "There is something about fascism, but only a few pages in the final few days of the senior year.

On Dec. 30, in Meazza Stadium, in an exhibition match between AC Milan and the Christmas Stars," 282,7 millon lira, more than \$200,000, was raised for the people of Baidoa, Somalia.

"There is a great problem in Italian soci-ely in coping with diversities." said Doctor Enrico Francot, a Jungian analytical psy-ehologist in Milan who specializes in collective behavior.

This problem in coping. Francot said, is caused by the country's "ecumenical. Christian structure, which says that 'we are all brothers. This is a very nice concept. but as soon as the person who believes it is threatened by an outsider's diversity - say he plays the radio too loud and disturbs them — he suddenly becomes a damned foreigner or a damned lew or nigger."

So the "rose-colored approach no longer works," Francot said, "Thus, to say 'we are all brothers' has been a superficial and empty gesture that has absolved" Italians from "having to truly deal with diversity."
And as a result of that, said Francot.

you always bave an emotional reaction. whether it is a violent manifestation by Nazi skinheads or an outpouring of money for Somalia, because the thinking, feeling responses have been taken care of by the mother, the church, the party or the football club.

The violence in Meazza Stadium usually starts in an area known as "the curve," the cheaper, distant seats where militant fans

called Ultras hold forth. "Meazza is a place where insults and intolerance are cultivated, above all in the 'curve,' " said a journalist for the daily newspaper La Republica. "A normal Sunday afternoon game between Milan and Inter is a triumph of violence, shrill screams and other things the press would

as soon not talk about." Nor many other Italians, it would seem.

Game's Foreigners in Germany Resent Continuing Xenophobia

By Greg Papamarkos
Special in the Herald Tribine
FRANKFURT — "Mein Bester
Freund Ist Ein Auslander" read the jerseys worn by the 18 German first division professional soccer clubs in the final match before the winter break.
"My best friend is a foreigner."

It was soccer's contribution to a series of anti-violence protests that had sprung up across Germany as a result of the brutal murders of three Turkish women by right-wing extremists late

For a good number of Germans in the western part of the country, the violence had long been considered a series of isolated incidents confined to those parts of their nation with high concentrations of Third World "guest workers' and refugees, and in poverty-stricken Eastern Germany, where un-employment is high and the seeds of hatred are more easily cultivated. But there were people who thought other-

Bulent Sanverdi - call him Billy, he said - was sitting in the Bistro Blitz, a cafe-bar frequented by Turkish youths in Frankfurt's lashionable Sachsenhausen neighborhood. Bistro Blitz was erowded and smoke-filled that evening, for soon Turkey was to take on the Netherlands in a World Cup '94 qualifying match.

"We are angry at the Germans," said Sanverdi, who plays soccer himself on a local club, "We come here for a better life, we work hard, we pay taxes and then we have to deal with this?"

Twenty-five years ago, he explained, his family had left Anatolia, the impoverished eastern part of Turkey, to come to Germany in a search of a better life. He was born in Germany and speaks flawless German, but he is not a citizen.

That is because he hasn't yet been allowed to become one. His official status: "A Turk born in Germany." He doesn't believe in collective guilt.

he said, but he does feel that all Germans are accountable for the rise in anti-foreign sentiment. He thinks that most Germans do not support the neo-Nazis, he said, but many of them do passively endorse the resurgent right. And those who oppose it, well, they either cannot or do not care to do anything about it.

By now, the Netherlands had built a 2-0 lead over Turkey, and most of the fans in the cafe had lost hope and interest in the game. Orthan Bayrak, a 40ish native of Izmir who is a carpenter by profession and the coach at a local soccer club in his spare time, joined in.

TORYO — Despite the disapproval of the governing body of soc-

cer, Japan wants to go ahead with its

plan to end every match in its new

eague with a victory, a league offi-

A spokeswoman for the Japan

Professional Football League said its

10 teams had agreed to send top officials to Zurich early next month

to discuss a new format with FIFA.

cial said Wednesday.

"I lie in constant fear, not so much for myself as for my family," he said. Bayrak has been in Germany for 15

Unlike Sanverdi, who is German-educated, Bayrak speaks broken German with a heavy accent, and he thinks that makes him more vulnerable. He has never been attacked, he said, but he and members of his family have been verbally harassed more than once.

"All I want to do is to earn some more money, take my family and go back home to live in peace among my people." Bayrak said. "Maybe another five years here, I don't know. If I could, I'd leave tomorrow morning."

Coscun Coscumogiou, at the next table, overheard and nodded. He operates a fruit-stand downtown, and said-

Anthony C. Holinko, who is a freelance writer based in Milan, has lived in Italy for eight years.

Greg Papamarkos, a freelance writer specializing in soccer, lives in Frankfurt.

"German asylum laws are too relaxed, and a great many people abuse them," said Bauer, who through her job at the Ghanaian consulate is in direct contact with asylum seekers all the

Was Sanverdi right, that a lot of Germans passively endorse what the right-wingers are doing? The reaction was immediate.

"No, the overwhelming majority of Germans are solidly against violence of any form," said Bauer. "But there is only so much they can do, they have

their own problems, 100." For her, the solution is not to stop accepting immigrants or deporting

those already here illegally. "There will always be ways to beat the system," she said. "The solution is to help improve their lives in their own

'We are angry. We come here for a better life, we work hard, we pay taxes and then we have to deal with this?

A Turkish player for a local team in Frankfurt

that things have become much worse

since Germany was unified. "Keep in mind that this is Frankfurt. an international city and the banking center of Germany, Coscunoglou said. "Supposedly, a better class of people lives bere. Imagine elsewhere — our lives would probably be in danger every

"But you know," said Sanverdi, "we beat them in soccer, To me that was the

When Eintracht Frankfurt played Galatasaray of Islambul in the second round of the UEFA Cup tournament last November. 30,000 Turks turned out in Frankfurt's Waldstadion to support the visiting team. For Galatasar-ay's players, it was as if they were playing at home. The match ended in a scoreless tie and was free of incident. Fourteen days later, in the return-leg match to Istanbul, Galatasaray scored and Eintracht did not, In a considerable upset. Eintracht was eliminated. The Turkish community of more than 3 million in Germany rejoiced. It was sweet revenge.

Silvia Bauer is a native of Frankfurt. She bas worked with foreigners almost all ber life, and has lived abroad for several years. She certainly fits into the category of "most tolerant and open-minded Germans."

The league does not want matches to end to draws. FIFA told Japanese

soccer officials this month that it

does not approve of sudden-death

"Our teams' representatives

agreed at a meeting on Tuesday to

stick to our new format for regular

matches mainly because of strong support from Japanese fans," the spokeswoman said. She would give

overtimes and shootouts.

no details of the format.

countries so they don't have to come here. And we all are responsible and

must help."
And until then? "I don't know, but something has to happen because Germany is getting too crowded," she replied.

James Amosh is from Ghana. He has lived in Germany since 1968 and makes a comfortable living as the head of security at a Frankfurt department store. He, too, he said, has been repeat-

edly abused verbally.

"It used to bother me a lot, but not any more. Maybe the reason is that now l am somebody, probably much more successful than every single one of those who call me names on the street."

Amoun, being actively involved in the soccer community, is a good friend c. Anthony Yeboah, the the Ghanaian player who has become an imposing striker for Eintracht Frankfurt. Yeboah, after four successful years in the German professional league, is a local celebrity. He and Amoah get together often and talk about their lives in a land so foreign and so far from bome.

But, Yebozh said, he doesn't spend too much time thinking about the problems foreigners face in Germany, "1 don't know, I've never had any problems." he said.

However. with his star status and well over half a million dollars in annual earnings from soccer, be is not the average man on the street, Amoah not-

'Anthony could be a little more thoughtful because he didn't like it one bit when we went to Dresden, to Eastern Germany, for a game last year, and the local fans, all 20,000 of them, were calling him names." Amoah said,

"You know what names," he added. Amoah said that soccer could and should play an important role in making people more aware of the neo-Nazi

danger.
"Soccer can be used as a vehicle to send a message, simply because it is so popular." he said, "No other sport, no other event really, comes to peoples' living rooms so much and so often."

Old Hatreds Given Life by New Fears

touched the ball.

International Herald Tribune

ONDON — Pele reveled at last summer's European Championships in Gothenburg at being more quickly recognized than King Carl Gustaf, and recalled his first visit to Sweden as a 17-year-old in the 1958 World Cup. "So many beautiful girls!" he remembered, adding, "I couldn't take my eyes off them." And the girls, he chuckled, "They kept touching my hair. Swedish people had not seen many blacks at that time."

Pele's fond reminiscences stand in start contrast to the ugliness that took place in Meazza Stadium in Milan last Sanday, when a young, devastatingly quick, and black, Colombian playing for Parma was booed every time he touched the ball.

Had the 35 years since Pele made his mark - and Muhammed Ali, Carl Lewis, Arthur Ashe and Michael Jordan made theirs—done nothing to erase the ignorance of those who would preach hate because of an athlete's skin color? Would the racists hound

Faustino Asprilla out of Italy, or he can, a \$5

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million star having come this far from the backstreets of Tulua Valle, transcend their bigotry?

Pele is dated. Ruud Gullit, with dreadlocks on his head and a strong antiapartheid streak in his heart, is a modern example. Gullit hears the chants, just as the great forward Eusebio from Mozambique did in the 1960s. Eusebio stayed on to be honored by all nationalities and creeds at his recent 50th

birthday match in Lisbon. Their message: Hold onto your pride, and play to minimize the discrimina-

tion that is the bane of sports. tion that is the bane of sports.

Jesse Owens, who upstaged Hitler at the 1936 Berlin Olympics, left this legacy: Beat 'em on the track, on the pitch, in their damned bunkers. "Ain't no difference between the races." Owens said. "If the black athlete is better than the white its because he's bungrier, he wants it more."

Even that is discriminatory. We wouldn't dare exclude women in today's statement, and few now think a competitor of any color is inherently superior.

But Asprilla can grasp Owens' meaning. So might Anthony Yeboah and the other Africans pluying in Germany. And so might Jean Claude Mbemba, who was beaten up in a crowded street in Budapest because he is the one black soccer player in Hungary. When the thugs shouted at Mbemba to go bome, their ignorance showed. Home has not been the Congo for eight years, and his child, born in Budapest, has the same nationality as her father's attackers.

Harrowing though it must be to stand out as a foreigner - especially with Europe's new xenophobic rage - no triumph will come from pretending the

abuse isn't happening. Reading today's articles from Germany and Italy, I see that Yeboah claims be "never had any problems." Why then did he put his name on a letter to Bild Zeitung a year ago saving that be, and two other Ghanaians, feared that chants of "nigger, nigger in the bush" were stirring violence that could kill?

Yeboah conquers fear with more goals than any man, white, black, brown or pink, in Bundesliga matches. But Souleymane Sane, his countryman, admits to once breaking the nose of a German player who called him a black pig.

At the other extreme, reports that anti-Semites in Udine drove away Romie

Rosenthal were exaggerated, the Israeli says, Rosenthal, now with Liverpool, says that "Udinese didn't want me, they preferred the Brazilian Balbo, Anti-Semitism was only a secondary reason," So did pragmatism, not full blown bigotry, rule that one? We must assume nothing,

OME YEARS ago, after a television broadcast on the situation of black Soccer players in Britain, I received Ku Klux Klan threats calling me a "nigger lover." Later, writing about the violent racism between Arabic Africans and black sub-Sahara Africans at a soccer tournament in Morocco, I was rebuked with the statement: "You whites, you know nothing."

Little or nothing. But we try to understand that sport mirrors life, that it is a dangerous vehicle for nationalism, that when thousands of Germans give seig

heil salutes after winning the 1990 World Cup in Rome some sinister reversion to Hitlarian times might have become the consequence of the mass unemployment caused while two Germanies are squeezed back into one.

A letter to the Herald Tribune last week succinctly summed it up: "The problem is xenophobia, not racism," wrote Petra Bour. "This is the new German problem."

Not so new, and not only German. But in the sporting field, it can be Indeed, while England, for 20 years, tried to ignore hooliganism until it killed

in great numbers, a racism similar to Italy's and Germany's was slowly evolving its own solution. In 1975, I polled the English clubs with a question: Would they recruit a black player? Twelve said never, 10 dodged the question, two already had blacks. Today, almost 200 of the 2,000 professional soccer players England are black,

either English-born, from Caribbean former colonies or new arrivals from Africa. Today there are one or two clubs which still stupidly cling to the stereotype that hlacks are more graceful - as if George Best was not the most bypnotic player soccer ever saw — but less tough, less disciplined, less good team players. (And tell that to the succession of black heavyweight world. champs, or the basketball "Dream Team.")

Now. though pockets of racism and anti-Semitism pollute England as

anywhere else, sports lead rather than hold back the cause of one man, one skin. one value. Indeed, Aston Villa. contesting the English championship, employs no less than 10 blacks, balf its first team pool.

Pigmentation is no longer the issue. Instead, the English players' union now

asks Parliament to stem the influx of players from Eastern Europe and Scandinavia, who, the union claims, take the jobs of Englishmen.

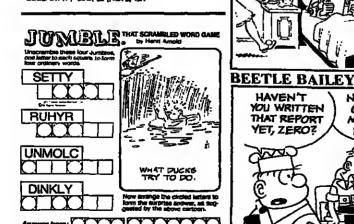
It may be borderline, but this is xenophobia without color. The odd day of protest shows sports people exercising their conscience. But as new barriers, and new stereotypes arise, we still find prejudice is usually born of fear.

Rob Hughes is on the staff of the Sanday Times.

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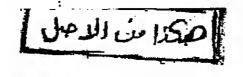
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Iowa Star Killed in Car Crash Forward Street

'Glue' of Team Chris Street, the player described by one opposing coach as the "glue" that held 14th-ranked lowa together, has been killed in a traffic

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Street, 20, was returning to campus from a team meal in Iowa City when his car collided with a dump truck mounted with a snow plow about 7 P.M. Tuesday.

The collision occurred as Street was making a left turn from a res-taurant parking lot onto a highway on the northeast edge of town, said

COLLEGE BASKETBALL George Wine, the university's

sports information director. The impact with the plow hlade drove the car across a median into another lane, where it was struck by a second car. Street's car rolled over and he was killed outright,

Street, a 6-foot, 8-inch, 220pound (2.03-meter, 100-kilogram) forward who was lowa's leading rebounder and No. 3 scorer, was returning to campus for a night class when the accident oc-curred. Wine said. Street was accompanied by Kimberly Vinton. 20, his girlfriend and fellow lowa student, who was listed in fair condition at University Hospitals.

Police Lieutenant Matt Johnson said road conditions were not a factor in the accident. Johnson said he did not know why the snow plow

lowa's Big Ten game Wednesday night with Northwestern was postponed and no makeup date was immediately set. The Hawkeyes' game at Penn State on Saturday night was still on, although Wine said that might change.
No. 2 Indiana 74, No. 13 Purdue

65: Indiana (16-2, 5-0 Big Ten) completed a rough three-game road trip unbeaten as Calbert Cheaney scored 33 points and the Hoosiers beld Glenn Robinson, the star of Purdue (11-3, 2-3) to three points in the last eight minutes.

No. 4 Kentucky 73, Alabama 59: The Wildcats (12-1, 3-1 SEC) held host Alabama (9-5, 2-3) without a field goal for nine minutes in the second half, turning a 46-44 deficit into a 65-50 lead, and the Crimson Tide, which had 23 turnovers, nev-

er again got within 11 points?" No. 9 Cincinnati 103, Chicago State 43: Cincinnati got a carcerhigh 20 points from senior center Corey Blount in his first home game since the NCAA restored his

eligibility. No. 10 Seton Hall 66, Villanova 61: In East Rutherford, New Jersey, Seton Hall (15-2, 5-1 Big East) made 12 of 14 free throws in overtime to offset 36 percent shooting from the field, Villanova (5-7, 1-5) has lost five straight - all of which

it led at halftime. Maryland 89, No. 12 Oklahoma 78: In Baltimore, Maryland held the Sooners (12-4) to 35 percent shooting in keeping them almost 20 points below their NCAA-leading

No. 15 UNLV 98, Texas A&M 86: In Las Vegas, the Runnin' Rebels (10-1) extended the nation's longest home winning streak to 56 games after trailing by 15 points early in the second half. J.R. Rider led UNLY with a career-high 38 points.



Michael Stich, fined \$500 for swearing, tried to eat his racket; Jim Courier, right, pointed out his displeasure and was given a warning.

Michael Jordan's Fan Is a Top Draw Himself

MELBOURNE - Court No. 8 was suddenly a very crowded place at which to watch a tennis match. Young men with Ukrainian flags draped over their heads to block the searing sun were straining for a clear view. Young Australian girls were jockeying for

"I've got to get ready," said teenager Nicole Howlett, as she brandished a smooth, white racket cover. "I've got to get him to sign it. He's going to be famous one day, you know." The object of all this attention was Andrei Medvedev, a lanky, 18-year-old from Kiev who advanced to the third round of the Australian Open on Wednesday with a 6-0, 6-1, 6-0 victory against the seriously overmatched Lars Koslowski of Germany.

"Compared to ladies tennis, I play pretty good," Medvedev said afterward, "Compared to Jim Courier, it's maybe six months

or a whole year to go. Medvedev, who skyrocketed from 226th to

24th in the world rankings after winning three tournaments last year, is the sport's newest sensation, and he has more than a prococious, polished game. Off the court, he is poised beyond his years, with a fine command of German and English. He also possesses something quite rare in the workaday world of

professional tennis: a sense of humor.
According to the 1992 ATP Tour Media Guide, his hero is the British golfer Nick Faldo. According to Medvedev, Faldo is an admirable fellow but not quite hero material. "That's the ATP as usual," Medvedev said. "I saw his highlights once, and after that, I read that he's my bero.

So who does he admire? "Michael Jordan," said Medvedev, who was sporting a Chicago Bulls cap in the interview room. "He's the best, I saw him play once when I was in the States, but I was pretty high in the stands so it wasn't impressive. But I've seen him many times on TV, no

practically disappeared.

event, but not the first time he has created a stir. In Paris, last summer, he reached the fourth round of the French Open. But he had to miss the U.S. Open because of a commit-ment to play for a club team in Germany.

going to say I'm sorry. All I'm trying to do now is not get my nose up in the air."

His third-round match could provide a quick return to reality. He will face seventhseed Petr Korda of Czechoslovakia, a man very much at home on the hardcourt surface of Flinders Park.

As for Medvedev's tennis heroes? "Jordan also," he said, with a grin so wide that his eyes

This is only Medvedev's third Grand Slam

"Things have happened much faster than I expected." he said. "I was hoping to be in the top 100 at the end of last year. But I'm not

"I read the paper, and people say some-thing like 'star'." Medvedev said, "But I am No. 24 in the world. It's quite far to be a star." - CHRISTOPHER CLAREY

Baseball's Arbitration: How High's the Moon?

By Murray Chass

New York Times Service was a 13-game winner last year; worse, he was a 16-game loser. Still, the biggest raise, seeking to climb the New York Yankees' pitcher has asked for a raise of \$2,635,000, the lion, a hike of \$2,725,000. The Pasecond-largest raise sought in salary arbitration this year.

Percz, whose creditable 2.87 earned run average indicated that be was better than his won-lost record reflected, carned \$1,165,000 last season and seeks a \$3.8 million salary this year. The Yankees submitted a \$2.5 million figure Tues-day as 100 players and their clubs

exchanged arbitration numbers. Perhaps 10 to 20 cases will reach hearings before arbitrators, while the other players and clubs settle their differences through negotia-

Gary Sheffield of San Diego, who threatened until the last few NEW YORK - Melido Perez weeks to become a Triple Crown winner last season, made his bid for the biggest raise, seeking to climb from \$725,000 a year to \$3.45 mildres countered 52.76 million.

> The Texas Rangers, battered in arbitration last February, submitted the highest figure ever for a player. They put in \$4.25 million for Rafael Palmeiro, their first baseman, who asked for \$4.85 milhon, the highest salary sought by a player this year and fifth highest in the 18 years of the procedure.

> The previous highest club figure was \$4 million, offered Barry Bonds hy the Pittsburgh Pirates last year. A year ago, Palmeiro won a \$3.85

\$3 million or more. Last year, eight players went in at \$4 million or more (with three at the \$5 million plateau) and 20 at \$3 million or more.

Six players besides Palmeiro are guaranteed salaries of \$3 million or more because of the numbers submitted by both sides:

Jeff Montgomery of Kansas City. \$4.3 million-\$3.25 million; Duane quist of Cleveland. \$725.000; Car-Ward of Toronto, \$4.2 million-\$3 los Martinez of Cleveland, two million; Mark Grace of the Chicago years for \$1.1 million; Joe Girardi Cabs, \$4.1 million-\$3.1 million; Tim of Colorado. So70.000; and Curt Belcher of Cincinnati. \$4 million- Schilling of Philadelphia, \$1 milmillion salary, third highest gained \$3.3 million; Jack McDowell of the lion.

vin Brown of the Rangers won a

The largest spread between player and club figures is the \$1.325,000 Eight more players settled their

salary differences with their clubs before numbers were exchanged: David Justice of Atlanta agreed to a 1993 contract for \$1.775,000; Luis Rivera of Boston, \$1,075,000; Keith Miller of Kansas City, \$1.09

million; Scott Radinsky of the White Sox, \$900,000; Derek Lilli-

tralia until Friday. "When I left doubles match with Steffi Graf, MELBOURNE — A year ago, had David Wheaton beaten Michael Chang it would not have been Indiana, it was snowing." he said. The combination of heat and a sore right calf put a quick end to virus and fever." The spokesman Anders Jarryd's hopes of building said that Caprian, the No. 7 seed. on Monday's stunning victory over Boris Becker. Down two sets and 2-to play her second-round singles 0, he had to retire from his match

against Todd Woodbridge of Aus-

the third round with little difficul-

Robbie Weiss. Courier squandered

two match points in the ninth game

10th. He received a warning for a

visible obscenity from the chair

Every ball I hit that landed

close to the line was called out."

good. Other than that, I was com-

woman, advanced easily to the

third round by beating Maria

seed Jana Novotna of the Czech

Republic was not so fortunate. Af-

ter failing to convert a match point

in the second set, she was overtaken

by veteran American Robin White.

Other high-profile players who advanced included No. 3 Gabriela

Sahauni, No. 6 Conchita Martinez

and No. 10 Mary Pierce, who was

particularly impressive in defeating Kimiko Date of Japan, 6-1, 6-1.

Jenniser Capriati, who was

ctely satisfied."

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Top-seeded Jim Courier reached

hut lost his temper in a 6-2, 7-5, 4 victory over fellow American

Wheaton Winsa Big One,

Over Chang in Four Sets

By Christopher Clarey
International Herald Tribune

considered an upset. A year ago, Wheaton was a new millionaire with an enviable serve who was on the fast track to tennis stardom,

But the tast 12 months have tak-en a toll on the articulate young Minnesotan, and as he celebrated Wednesday after knocking the sixth-seeded Chang out of the Australian Open, it was clear that this was more than another secondround vietory.

"This is certainly not careerchanging," Wheaton said, "But after the year I had in 1992, this is definitely the step I wanted to make in the right direction." On the eve of the match, Whea-

ton was, as usual, effusive in his praise of Chang, calling him "the fastest player and mentally toughest player in the world." But while Chang is certainly fast and psycho-logically imposing, it is Wheaton who has won their last five encoun-

The most significant and lucrative of those victories came in the final of the 1991 Grand Slam Cup in Munich, when Wheaton earned \$2 million, nearly double what he had earned in his entire professional career, and then proceeded to drop into a steady tailspin, Ranked 17th at the end of 1991, he fell to 47th at the end of 1992.

"I think your life would change. too, if you won two million in one week," Wheaton said, "You can't really get away from the fact. It's one of these circumstances that comes into your life, and you have to deal with it in the right way. And in some ways, I didn't deal with it as best as I could have.

"I got a hit too involved in the business side of tennis. I took quite a hit of time off after the Lipton Championships when I hadn't done that well, and I changed my serve a little bit. I was tinkering around with too many coaches. I didn't have the same continuity as I did back in '90 and '91. I think when you get away from your roots, it can definitely burn you."

Wheaton played true to his roots on Wednesday, attacking whenever possible and making good use of his athletic ability and 6-foot-4 height (1.93-meter) to cover the net. After a dramatic lapse in the third set, he broke Chang early in the fourth and regained his rhythm to win, 6-4, 6-3, 1-6, 6-3.

That wasn't the day's only upset. Todd Witsken of the United States, ranked 111th in the world, surprised the No. 9 seed. Richard Krain a hearing. Ruben Sierra, then Chicago White Sox, \$4 million- jicek of the Netherlands, in four Palmeiro's teammate, won the \$3.15 million; and Mike Henneman sets. Krajicek, a semifinalist here highest, \$5 million, and pitcher Ke- of Detroit, \$3,875,000-\$3 million. amid heat that topped 120 degrees

S1.2 million salary.

Palmeiro was one of six players that separates letty Browne (\$1.95 this year who submitted salaries of million) and the Oakland Athletics two warmup tournaments after spraining his right ankle while

Open Results

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Koslowski, Germany, 6-8, 6-1, 6-0; Chris Gorner, U.S., def. John Fitzgerold, Austrolia, 6-2, 75, 6-1; Kelly Jones, U.S., def. Luiz Mortor, aretil, 6-4, 6-1, 6-3, 2-6-3; Jon Sterporthis.

5.6-3; Kelly Jones, U.S., def. Luiz Mortigr. Brazil, 6-4, 6-1, 4-6, 2-4, 6-3; Jan Sternerink, Netherlands, def. Andrei Chesnokov, Russia, 6-1, 6-3, 6-4, Michael Silch 1141, Germany, def. Fabrice Sonfora, France, 6-7 (3-7), 6-2, 6-2, 4-6, 6-4; Todd Wilsken, U.S., def. Richard Kraficek (9), Netherlands, 6-4, 1-6, 6-1, 6-1, Kenneth Corisen, Denmark, def. Marcelo Filipolni, Uruspuav, 7-5, 6-4, 6-4; Todd Woodbridge, Australia, def. Anders Jarryd, Sweden, 6-1, 6-1, 2-0, defaulti Petr Korda (71, Czech Raeublic, def. Jacob Ellingh, Netherlands, 7-6 (7-0), 6-2, 6-3; Serol Bruguero (15), Spain, def. Jim Grabb, Yucaca, U.S., 6-1, 6-7 (5-7), 5-6-4.

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ty Fendick, U.S., def. Ann Grossman, U.S. 6-1, 7-6 18-61; Gigli Fernandez, U.S., def. Micole Arendt. U.S., 6-4, 7-6 19-71.

Julie Hatard. France, del. Karin KSchwendt. Germany, 6-4, 1-4, 6-4; Nanne Dohlmon, Finland, def. Shaum Stafford. U.S. 6-1, 6-2; Conchita Martinez (6), Spain, def. Monique Javer, Britain, 7-5, 6-1; Robin White, U.S. def. Jaon Novatina (8), Czech Republic, 4-4, 7-5, 6-2; Micole Provis, Australia, def. Lari McNell 112), U.S., 3-6, 6-1, 6-1.

match against Florencia Labat of

■ McEnroe Hedges on Cup John McEnroe will definitely not

play for the U.S. team against Australia on March 26-28 in the first round of the 1993 Davis Cup compedition, his father says, but he has . not ruled out playing in the later rounds. The New York Times re-

umpire, Wayne McKewen of Australia, after flashing his middle fin-"This does not suggest that he's . not available for the entire year," ger in McKewen's direction after a John McEnroe Sr. said in New backhand by Weiss was called good on the third match point. York, responding to reports that his son had veloed any Davis Cup commitment. "The only thing that's safe to say at this point is that Courier said. "Every hall he hit that he won't be there for the first tie. was close to the line was called and he's not thinking about worrying about the second until after the gets past the first one." Monica Seles, the top-seeded

Should the United States win in Australia, it will face Italy or Brazil in the second round July 16-18.

In Melbourne, Courier said he was unsure whether he will play for the U.S. team against Australia. "I'm a hig believer in a reduction of ATP Tour commitment for players," he said. "The Davis is a threeweek affair - the week before, the week of play and the week after. It's very draining." He said "the other guys from the

U.S." team - Andre Agassi and Pete Sampras - "feel the same 7 way. We discuss it all the time. -We're all in agreement.

European Cable TV: A New Day and More (Maybe) U.S. Sports

By Barry James

Europe's main cable and satellite sports channels are to merge in March into a single network called Eurosport, which promises to feature the most popular sports in Europe and major U.S. events. The change may provoke grumbles as the new network introduces

its programming mix, however,

The merger could, for example, mean more American foothall, basketball and hasehall for some fans, and less for others.

The merger will bring together the existing Eurosport, which broadcasts mostly continental European events, and the European Sports Network, which has correlled the rights to most of the American sports.

Spokesmen said that hy making the entire range of sports available to both components in the merger, the new channel will have a much broader range of sports.

But what the channel gains in breadth, it may lose in depth, because it will have to be all things to all people. The exact details of programming are still the subject of negotiation and may not be known for several weeks. In the meantime, the two components of

the merger are continuing to broadcast independently. The new network will broadcast a general European service, which spokesmen said will include generous quantities of American sports. including National Football League and National Basketball Association games and major league basehall. The European service promises five hours of U.S. sport on Friday evenings, for example.

But the broadcasting of American sports may not always be available to all viewers. This is because Eurosport is setting up a series of regional services, starting with one tailored for France and following possibly with channels specifically intended for Scandinavia and Germany. A spokesman acknowledged that this may result in an American

football game being bounced off the air in France by a seconddivision French soccer match. "We don't know ourselves what will happen," the spokesman said.

adding that it depended on whether cable television operators will agree to carry both the general and regional channels. Those who have their own satellite dishes will be able to receive both the regional and the general programs, provided they are within the coverage area of the satellites. The network will be broadcast throughout Europe on the Astra

and Entelsat II satellites, with simultaneous commentaries in German, English and Dutch, while the French-language version will be broadcast on the Telecom 2 satellite and will include an average of almost two hours a day of events with special appeal for French-

According to a Eurosport spokesman, the network will be accessible to more than 40 million households. The new structure makes a distinction between the Eurosport

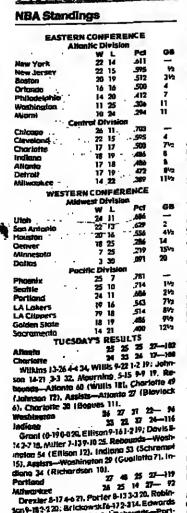
Consortium as the broadcaster, and two different operating compa-

One operating company, Eurosport Sales Organization, is owned in approximately equal shares by TF1, Canal Plus and the ESPN network of the United States, a subsidiary of Capital Cities/ABC, Inc. and the Hearst Corporation. The operating company for the French-language version, TV

Sport, is owned by Canal Plus, TF1. Generale d'Images and ESPN. Spokesmen for Eurosport said schedules for the new network are not available because both the program mix and specific sports events are still subject to negotiation. In general terms, the channel promises more than 120 elimination

matches for soccer's 1994 World Cup, and increased coverage of national soccer leagues; the main winter sports events, some 30 tennis tournaments, snooker, European and U.S. boxing, golf, athletics. Formula I and Indy motor racing and motorcycle racing.

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Wednesday it would stand by its refusal to grant prize money at its wo LONDON (AP) — The world governing body of track and field said Wednesday it would stand by its refusal to grant prize money at its world championships, despite a threat of a boycott by top athletes.

"We think the spirit of competing is what is important? Istvan Gyulai, general secretary of the International Amateur Athletic Federation, said

from Jakarta, where the IAAF Council is to meet this weekend. "Can you imagine what would happen if we agreed to pay prize money? What would happen in Atlanta" at the 1996 Olympics? We don't think spon should go in that direction." The International Association of Athletes' Representatives, which

includes agents of some of the world's top stars, has on several occasions pressed the IAAF to award prize money at the Aug. 13-22 world ehampionships in Stuttgart. The agents' group says it wants a share of the IAAF's riches, including a four-year, \$91-million contract with European

Cauthen May Retire From Racing COVINGTON, Kentucky (AP)—Steve Cauthen says he may hang up his racing silks and start another career, as a broadcaster.

"I'm interested in getting involved in the media and doing some commentating in the future." said Cauthen, who has turned down a contract extension with Sheikh Mohammed al-Maktoum's Darley Stud Management in England.

He and his wife, Arny, live in Newmarket in southern England but have been visiting relatives in northern Kentneky. His wife is expecting their first child in May and. Cauthen said, "I'm sure part of that is coming into the calculation

For the Record

Charles Barkley was suspended without pay for one game and fined \$10,000 by the NBA on Wednesday for vaulting over the scorer's table and chasing an official after his

nament by defeating the popular Takahanada while Akebono also kst. Akebono and the other American ozeki (champion), Konishiki, are 9-2 with four days left (AP) Reggie Johnson of the United States stopped challenger Ki Yun Song of South Korea in the eighth round in Boise, Idaho, to retain his

WBA middleweight title. (AP)

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"That's nice. Ross, but what

You could resign, I'm going on

insiders and hig shots in this town."

does all this have to do with me?"

the Amy Fisher Show Sunday eve-

ning and if you watch you'll see

what a mess you've made of this

Hillary said, "Make him go

"You thought you had seen the last of me when the election was over, but it's only the beginning.

Larry King wants me to go on his

show every week. Barhara Walters

thinks I'm wonderful, and I'm do-

ing a walk-on for "Cheers." The American people have a right to

American Conductor

Cancels at Paris Opéra

The Associated Press

PARIS - The American con-

ductor Thomas Fulton canceled

out of Verdi's "The Masked Ball,"

which opened Wednesday at the

A spokeswoman, Pierrette Chas-

tel, said Fulton was ill hut gave no

details. She said there would be no

other changes in the 11 perfor-

mances scheduled through Feh. 2). Myung-Whun Chung, the Opera's

musical director, was to take over

Opéra Bastille.

President Clinton asked.

ART BUCHWALD

The Ross Perot Show

Washington.

up with you.

president asked.

know the truth about the mess in

me, not at you," the president told

That's almost enough to impeach

"I got 19 percent of the vote,

"Ross, would you like to be our

"You can't huy me off with a

amhassador to Mozambique?" the

lush ambassadorship. Your admin-istration is no different from George Bush's, ft's addled with conflicts of interest, and the hig

hoys in the back room are ready to

Perot took a stack of papers out of his back pocket. "Can we go over

"They won't be after I go on the Today show. Mr. President, you

better get on the stick, or we're

going to have a revolution on our

hands. All we're asking for is a fair

shake and an honest pizza," Chelsea said, "Mr. Perot, I can't

see a thing because of your big ears.

Why don't you go sit over there

By now Perot was hurning "I should be leading this parade. If I

hadn't bugged out last summer be-

cause Bush was going to wreck my daughter's wedding. I would have

pered, "there are some press people over there you haven't talked to

"I'm not interested in being in

the limelight. All I want to do is see

that each citizen gets what's com-

ing to him. That's what America is

President Clinton said, "Why

"I'd like that, Trying to stay in

WEATHER

Europe

scoland and nonnem incl land Friday into Sunria. Heavy bursts of ran will be accompanied by wind gusts to 100 kpc Smilar weather to Brely along the southwest coast of Norway as well Southern Europe will conin-

step with you with your long legs

on Inauguration Day cramps my

Forecast for Friday Ihrough Sunday

North America

don't you drop by the house some day with the missus, and we can

talk about what's hugging you."

"Hey, Ross." the president whis-

with the nice people."

been sworn in today.

Not now. The people are having

take everyone's pants down."

the hudger deficit now?"

The president said, "If I give you

Angelou has the innate and compelling grace of

She has married and divorced. She will not say

a woman who has constructed a full life, one lived

how many times. People, she said, tend to find a certain capriciousness in the frequency. "They

honor the coward who stays in a murderous and

abusive relationship." she said. "They herald that

as something wondrous. But in every marriage I went with everything I had. Humor. Intelligence. Honesty. Faithfulness. Good appetites for everything. But if it didn't work, I never stayed."

Now she lives alone, far from her son, Guy

Johnson, and grandson, Colin, in California, Yet,

as the Reynolds professor of American studies at

Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, she

"A lot of people stand under it. A lot of young hlacks and whites and students and some plain.

some tall, some very, very smart and some slow."

She is good at collecting people, she said, using everything she can to pull them in. "I will dance. I will tell a story. I will pinch and I will pat and I will

hug. It's asking: Trust me and I'll trust you. I will

dare! I will dare to pry myself loose from my

ignorance. It was given to me hy my mother. But I

will try to pry loose. It was given to me hy my father, but I will try to get it off."

Though she holds 50 bonorary degrees and has

written three books of popular, plain-spoken poet-

ry, she is best known for her volumes of autobio-

graphical fiction. She is also in great demand on

the lecture circuit, making about 80 appearances a year, at a standard fee of \$15,000.

California. She was 3 when her parents separated,

and that year her mother, a splashy, bejeweled owner of hotels and bars, shipped her off by train,

with her older hrother, to Stamps, Arkansas, to live with her father's mother. She lived there four years and then went

back to her mother's house in San Francisco. "I was raped

by her boyfriend," she said with the directness of someone

who knows both the cost and the lessons learned. "I was

The man was beaten to death a short time later. Though

I thought he was killed because I spoke his name," she

said, "That was the only logic I was able to employ. So I

thought if I spoke, anybody might die. I just might open my mouth and — Prrrasazaa — I could see whole roads of

people dying. But after a while it didn't matter why I

Instead, in the five years that she was mute, until an

older friend in Arkansas eased ber out of that self-imposed

isolation, she listened and developed a voice and style that seem peculiarly unlinked to region, race, history or cir-

cumstance, something endlessly changeable and uniquely hers. "Language. I loved it. And for a long time I would think of myself, of my whole body, as an ear, and that I

could just go into a room and I could just absorb sound

just schlouwup. I oever did find a voice I didn't find

wonderful and beautiful. Because I really like the way we

the killing was not related to the assault, Angelou said she

believed that she was responsible.

didn't speak. It was just accepted."

She was born in 1928 in St. Louis, then moved to

without concession or false excuse.

Mia and Woody Reach An Agreement on Visits

PEOPLE

Woody Allen and Mia Farrow have reached agreement on visita tion rights, canceling a full-fledged court hearing during which both combatants in the bitter child-cus-tody battle could have been questioned. Allen will he able to see his and Farrow's hiological son, Satch-el, 5, twice a week. Farrow agreed to resume psychological counseling for their 7-year-old adopted daughter. Dylan, who has claimed that she was molested by Allen.

Int

The Italian director Federico Felline will receive an honorary Oscar at the Academy Awards ceremony in March for "cinematic accomplishments that have thrilled and entertained worldwide audiences."

The author of n how-to drawing book says Luciano Pavarotti copied three of her works for his paintings. "Venezia." "Casa Florita" and "Parigi." which have received critical praise at exhibitions, apparently are unacknowledged copies of illustrations from a 1972 book by Mary E. Hicks, "My Adventures in Europe" — right down to the errors, the Los Angeles Times reported. For example, "Venezia," showing a hndge and canal in Venice. includes a mistake Hicks said she made in her own work - two arms on the bridge are painted outside the railing. The books were made to be copied, but I resent it when he says that these are his original paintings." Hicks said. "I resent that he is making money from them too." Silk-screen prints of Pavarotti's works have sold for up to \$2,500 each. Hicks lives on a federal government pension. A Pavarotti spokesman, Elliot Hoffman of New York, said. "I'm a very busy guy. This is a nonstory."

A romp set to the music of the Andrews Sisters against the back-drop of GIs going off to war earnedthe choreographer Paul Taylor a dozen curtain calls at its premiere. in Paris. Despite his well-known aversion to foreign travel, the 62year-old modern dance master was on hand for the performance:

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O New York Times, edited by Eugene Maleska,

Maya Angelou: Poet of the Inauguration

By Catherine S. Manegold New York Times Service

WINSTON-SALEM. North Carolina — It was one of those Southern winter days just short of raining when the sky is so gray that it hlurs the horizon and seems to fuse with the grayness on the ground. The humidity hung thick as mist and had worked its way into Mays Angelou's already

\$15 and join your organization, will you go away?"
"Well, it's better than nothing. particularly since I stopped using aching joints. "My arthritis is bad today," she said my own money to save the country. hy way of greeting. "Let's have some wine."

And so she called in that deep, nich voice of hers
down to her niece for a bottle of Château Ste. Don't walk so fast, It's hard to keep Riss, the people are waving at

Michelle, a 1990 chardonnay, "and a straw!" and then wrestled — "No, I don't need help" — with the pain in her fingers to extract its cork. Moving into a sun room that had no sun that day but was, instead, a wraparound reminder of the heaviness of the afternoon, she folded her 6-foot, 64-year-old frame into a chair of mint-green crushed velvet, poured the wine, stretched her legs and tried to

hide her irritation with the pain in her body. Wednesday, at the Inauguration, she stood shoulder to shoulder with the new president, ignoring whatever pain lingers, to read a poem written for the occasion. She will be the first poet since Robert Frost spoke at the inauguration of John F. Kennedy to apply verse to a moment of political change and read it at the inauguration. For weeks she had heen padding about in her bedroom in her trim hack house in Winston-Salem, reading aloud from the voices that have formed her language and her politics - Frederick Douglass, Patrick Henry, Thomas Paine - trying

power to move, to cause people to move. She quotes from a memory filled with the rhythms and cadences of other writers. Frances Harper, whom she has been rereading lately, wrote of slavery without polemic, and Angelou saluted that in the dim afternoon, pulling a passage from her

"to see, to remember, the power of words, their

"The sale began," she said, as though she herself had seen it, hack in 1850, "Young girls were there." She closed her eyes. "And mothers stood with streaming eyes and saw their dearest children sold. And heeded those, their hitter cries, as tyrants hartered them for gold."

She were black, head to toe, that afternoon. Black sweater. Black pants. Black sheer stockings that did not hide black feet that looked as if they had climbed a mountain barefoot, a dancer's feet, tough and covered with calluses, a physical testimony to those years when she would dance, "Young and mad!" wildly, far into the night, with Alvin Ailey, neither of them wearing much to impede the moment. A dancer's feet that have jumped and kicked and slammed against the floor, feet that have borne the bruises that are rough service to that art.

Winding her long fingers around a glass of chardonnay, she spoke, first, of life's "grand teachable moments" when one is struck by either truth or possibility. "My mother, who was very precious to me, died a year ago," she said.
"When I was 20 I had gone over to her big house, a 14room house, in San Francisco. I had gone over there and we had had a good afternoon, two or three hours, and we walked out of the house and down the hill. And we were at the very bottom of the hill and she knew I wouldn't take a ride from her, that I would take the streetcar, that I had to



Poet Angelou: "The power of words, their power to move."

own myself. And she said, 'You know, bahy, I think you

are the greatest woman I have ever met. Angelou laughed, seeing her hig, bony self at the age of thinking nothing much about the future. She was stunned hy the comment and hy what her mother said oext: that she had a rare combination of intelligence and kindness. The two kissed, then moved apart. But in that brief

exchange something in her life had changed.
"I watched her, with the light, go to the other corner and I crossed to get the No. 22 streetcar and I sat there and I remember everything, the color of the light, the wooden seats, and I remember thinking: 'She's very intelligent and she's too mean to lie. So, just suppose she's right? Suppose I really am somebody? And it was the first time I ever remember being on the earth as opposed to a part of the

earth. I was aware, at that moment, of being on a ball." She stopped, self-conscious, then shifted to dispel an intensity she still could feel, "It was one of those moments when the sky rolled back and TA-DA. TATA! It's almost

as if at times like that, the whole earth holds its breath." She could not resist the memory. It is, she said, those times when the everyday slips away and the simplest things take on a cast that fixes them forever in the mind, a face, a comment, a moment, those times when life seems surely bigger than it has been, times "that are really the essence and the origin of poetry," she said, "because whether one knows it or not one goes to those watersheds, talk, I find it wonderful."

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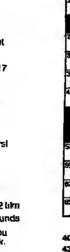
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MAKING THE MUMMIES DANCE

By Thomas Hoving. Illustrated. 448 pages. \$25. Simon & Schus-

Reviewed by Michael Kimmelman

I N "Making the Mummies Dance." his hizarre, nasty and ultimately disheartening account of his stormy 10-year reign as director of the Metropolitan Museum of An, Thomas Hoving gloats about a hit of heads-up detective work.

He writes that as a candidate in 1966 for the directorship, he discovered, unbeknownst to museum officials, that "the relentless state commissioner for human rights. Eleanor Holmes Norton, was preparing to hit the museum with a series of legal charges alleging massive ahuses in the hinng practices and ronutions of women employees." His "shocker." he recails. stunned the trustees, and he implies

that it helped him to win the job. This anecdote is vintage Hoving for its combination of skulduggery. one-upmanship, bravado and unreliability. In 1966, Norton was working for the American Civil Liberties Union and had no dealings with the museum; she never served as state commissioner, although in 1971 she became chairwoman of the New York City Commission on Human Rights.

Details, details. Hoving does not let them get in the way of this docudrama of a memoir, which, like the incident with Eleanor Holmes Norton, has little to do with art and sheds too little light on the running of a great museum.

The author makes embarrassing art-historical blunders: he refers to frescoes by Verrocchio, although none exist by the artist; twice Hoving attributes a portrait by David to Ingres; he calls the artist Bramanie. bom near Urbino, a Florentine.

And he packs his book with extensive and spicy quotations, many now at least 20 years old, by dozens of people, some of whom have since died, lots of whom sound suspiciously like Hoving. Moreover, in skewering one ene-

my after another. Hoving comes across as having a chip on his shoulder the size of the Euphronius krater, that imposing ancient Greek pot of questionable provenance whose purchase hy the Metropolitan caused one of the higger hrouhahas of his tenure. Yet the real problem with "Mak-

ing the Mummies Dance" has to do

revenge and its incredible anecdotes, but with the fact that the author has chosen to make such trivial matters the substance of his work.

Hoving knows the impact of his directorship was not trivial. With typical egotism, but in this case with some justification, he takes credit for "the most sweeping revolution in the history of art museums."

idea of the blockhuster show, nor the more idealistic and substantive the notion of opening up art muse-ums, partly through educational programs, to a wide public. But Hoving carried those ideas forward with extraordinary zeal, and from expansion that followed in his the bully pulpit of his position as director of the premier American wake — and he makes himself all the more so by this once-over-lightart museum he spread with extraor- ly, tattletale memoir. dinary success the gospels of expansion and populism.

not with its slipups, its spasms of stream of lavish loan exhibitions smartly designed like department store displays to broaden their appeal, the amhitious accompanying catalogues, the whole notion of the art museum as public spectacle can

be partly traced to Hoving. His legacy is immensely complicated, all the more so because his increasing fixation as director on hanalities like museum shops and He hy no means invented the attendance figures tends to obscure aspects of his era.

Hoving is an easy scapegoat for every excess of the museum world - for the commercialism and over wake - and he makes himself all

Michael Kimmelman is on the The vast huilding programs, the staff of The New York Times.

By Alan Truscott

HE most un-American of American tournaments is played annually in Wieshaden. Germany, under the auspices of the American Contract Bridge League. Most of the players are American servicemen and members of their families, but enthusiasts come from farther afield. The Swiss team winners in October were Tom Gunn and Stan Wilkins both of London; Judy Kamm of Los Angeles, and Nina Glazer of Santa Monica, Cali-

Gunn is an American expatriate who has learned a British habit: pushing to game after the bidding has died at a lower level and the opponents have halanced, which is known as "teaching them a sharp lesson." In this fashion he reached

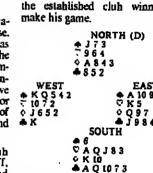
king followed by the queen, with East playing highlow.

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South ruffed, crossed to the diamond ace and took a heart finesse. He continued with the ace and was not surprised, in the light of the hidding, that the king came tumbling down. Drawing the remaining trump was the ohvious move hut would have been fatal, for South would have lost control of the hand. He led the club ace and was gratified to see West's king.

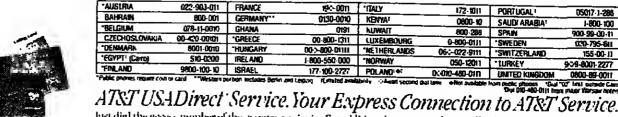
South now played the club queen, giving West a chance to ruff, which he did. Another spade lead reduced South to one trump, and he gave up a club to East. East played a fourth round of spades, the best chance for the defense, but South ruffed with his last trump, ruffed a club with dummy's last four hearts and West led the spade trump, and scored the last two

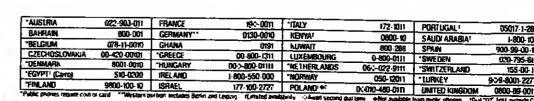
tricks with the diamond king and the established club winner to



West led the spade king

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